

Whitley Chapel First School – Forest Schools Risk Assessments

Risk Assessment for Tool and Equipment Use in Forest School

Bow Saw

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of bow saw Falling branches	Wounds	Person using bow saw and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inform person using bow saw of safety rules *No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non sawing hand. *First aiders and first aid kit close by. *Tools counted in and out each session. * One to one supervision for Early Years children. * If sawing branches from a tree ensure no person or property will be hurt or damaged when it falls. * Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. * Keep blade cover on when not in use and store in tool bag/ box. 	JD - during session.

Knives

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of knives	Wounds	Person using knife and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inform person using knives of safety rules *No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on non knife hand. *First aiders and first aid kit close by. *Tools counted in and out each session. * One to one supervision for Early Years children. * Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag/ box. * Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. 	JD - during session.

Potato Peeler

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of potato peeler	Wounds	Person using potato peeler and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inform person using potato peeler of safety rules. *No glove needed on hand using tool, glove on other hand. *First aiders and first aid kit close by. *Tools counted in and out each session. * One to three supervision for Early Years children. * Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag/ box. * Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. 	JD - during session.

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Mallet or Hammer

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of mallet/ hammer	Bumps and grazes	Person using mallet/ hammer and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inform person using mallet/ hammer of safety rules. *No glove needed *First aiders and first aid kit close by. *Tools counted in and out each session. * One to two supervision for Early Years children. * Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag/ box. * Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. 	JD - during session.

Loppers/ Secateurs

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Improper use of loppers/ secateurs Falling branches	Wounds	Person using loppers/ secateurs and those near by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Inform person using loppers/ secateurs of safety rules. *No glove needed, both hands will be on tool. *First aiders and first aid kit close by. *Tools counted in and out each session. * One to one supervision for Early Years children. * Keep in cover when not in use and store in tool bag/ box. * Remind others in area to stay clear of tools. * If sawing branches from a tree ensure no one or property will be hurt or damaged when it falls. 	JD - during session

Kelly Kettle

Hazard	Harm	At risk	Existing measures / new measures	Who will do it? When?
Fire & hot metal	Burns	All	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *As open fire precautions (see risk assessment) *Stay with Kelly Kettle at all times. *Ensure it is on a sturdy, level non flammable base (it has a high centre of gravity). *Feed flames through chimney. *Use fire safety gloves to remove base. 	JD - during session

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Hot water	Scalds	All	*Have air hole opposite side to spout. *Do not leave cork spout in while heating water. *Keep spout away from you to avoid splashes.	