

Mill Lane Community Primary School

Forest School

**Tool Policy**

This documentation runs alongside the relevant whole school policies which can be viewed in full at <http://www.mill-lane.oxon.sch.uk/website/policies/3739>

At Mill Lane Forest School we aim to keep all children safe. During the sessions children may use the following tools:

* Bow Saw
* Hand drill
* Palm drill
* Wooden mallet
* Fixed blade knife
* Loppers

Tools are used with children with a minimum ratio of 1:1 supervision.

The Forest School Leader is responsible for overseeing safe use and maintenance of all tools. A list of the items stored in each box is attached to each tool box and used as check lists to ensure that all items are returned safely at the end of each session. The Tool Boxes contains sharp tools such as knives and axes is kept locked at all times when not in use. The Forest School Leader will wear steel toe-capped boots for all Forest School sessions. Appropriate gloves are available as Personal Protection Equipment when needed. Activity Risk/Benefit Assessments are completed for all activities involving the use of tools.

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