

Derrymount School tool handling policy

Tool usage

Children will only be able to use the tools once the Forest School Practitioner has delivered the tool talk and is happy that they have listened and fully understand the correct procedures. Pupil's should be calm and fully engaged in the session before being able to use any of the tools below.

Derrymount School, Forest School sessions use the following tools with Participants:

- Bow saw
- Billhook
- Sheath knife
- Loppers
- Hand drill & bits
- Mallet
- Trowel, spade and rake

All tools are modelled by the Forest School practitioner and are always used with adult supervision.

The Forest School Leader is responsible for overseeing safe use and maintenance of all tools. The tools should be counted in and counted out at the beginning and end of each lesson and stored in the designated area or toolbox/backpack. Damaged tool should be reported and replaced when necessary.