

**FOREST SCHOOL - LAWN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**TOOLS - LOPPERS RISK ASSESSMENT**

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**REVIEW DATE:** Dec 2024

	HAZARD	PERSONS AT RISK	RATING (NO CONTROLS)	WHAT MEASURES NEED TO BE TAKEN AND BY WHO	RATING (WITH CONTROLS)
1	Transportation	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Tool to be kept in sheath when not being used.</p> <p>Children to not travel with tool. Adult to get out and put away.</p> <p>Children to not pass tool to others - must be placed on the floor when finished (FS Leader).</p>	Low
2	Tool slipping when using	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Tool to be kept sharp and useable.</p> <p>No gloves to be worn when using tool.</p> <p>Group and adults to be taught how to use the tool correctly so that, if it slips, no contact will be made by any members of the group except the FS leader. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
3	Tool bouncing off wood	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Tool will be kept sharp and useable.</p> <p>Group to have a full understanding of how and when to use the tool. Group will know the tools capacity to cut wood to prevent it failing and bouncing off the wood. (FS Leader)</p>	Low
4	Loppers snapping	Group & leaders	Medium	<p>Groups and adults will know how to use the tool properly and how users should be positioned when using.</p> <p>Issues with tool to be reported to FS leader immediately so tool can be fixed. FS leader will decommission tool if needed. (FS Leader)</p>	Low

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5	Injury	Group & leaders	Medium	All adults and children will be briefed before using the tool and reminded of the safety aspects needed when using. Safe working distance, passing, parts of the tool will be explained before each session using them.  If injury is sustained, first aid policy to be used. (FS leader)	Low
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**Risk benefit: Being able to use tools safely and take appropriate risks. Develop motor skills.**

Signed by: Chloe Hendy

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