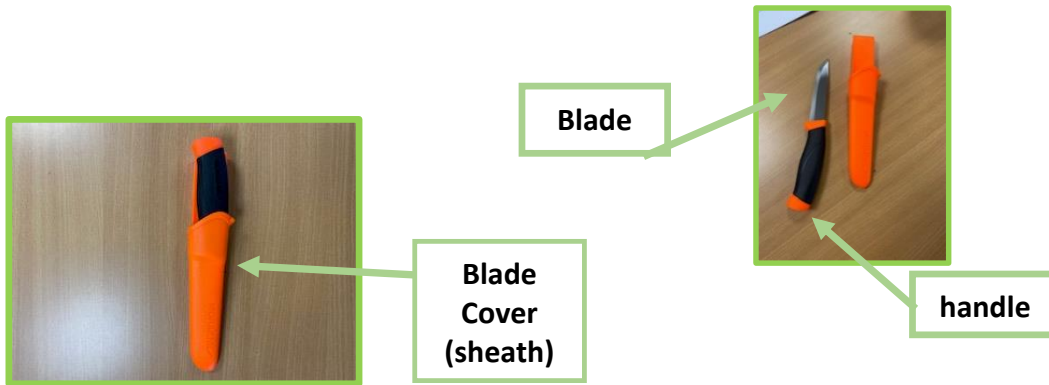


# Sheath Knife

PS 1.1 PS 1.2 PS 1.3



**ALWAYS USE TOOLS 2 ARMS LENGTH AND A TOOL AWAY FROM OTHER PEOPLE.**

## Tool Talk:

This is a sheath knife.

This is the handle.

This is the cover.

I take the cover off like this.

This is the blade.

When I am walking with it I put the cover back on and push it on until it clicks. I walk holding the handle with the blade facing down.

When I pass it to someone I hold the sheathed part and offer the handle to the other person.

When I am not using it I put the sheath cover on the blade until it clicks. Then I place it next to me with the handle facing forwards and the blade inwards.

## Use:

I use the sheath knife for whittling wood.

I have the blade facing away from me on the outside of my body. I keep the wood between me and the knife.

When I use this tool I make sure I am two arms and a tool away from everyone.

When I am whittling wood with it I need to wear a safety glove to protect my hand that is holding the wood.

The hand holding the tool does not need a glove.

## Maintenance

I keep the blade covered with the sheath when I am storing it.

I sharpen it with a sharpening stone.

I clean it with a cloth and oil to make sure that all dirt and moisture is off the blade.

I keep it in my tool box with the blade cover on.

# Mallet

PS 1.1 PS 1.2 PS 1.3



## Tool Talk:

This is a mallet.

This is the handle.

This is the head.

When I am walking with it I carry the handle next to my leg with the head facing backwards.

When I pass it to someone I hold the head and offer the handle to the other person.

When I am not using it I place it on the ground beside me with the handle facing backwards.

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## Use:

I use the mallet to provide a force to tools to split wood. To hammer wooden pegs into the ground and other activities that require a force.

When I use this tool I make sure I am two arms and a tool away from everyone else except my partner or people I am working with.

When I am cutting wood with it I need to wear a safety glove to protect my hand that is holding the wood.

The hand holding the tool does not need a glove.

## Maintenance

I remove any loose bits of wood, dry with a cloth.

I store it in a large water-proof and air tight container.

# Bow Saw

PS

1.1 PS 1.2 PS 1.3

TOOLS



handle

Blade  
Cover



Blade

## Tool Talk:

This is a bow saw.

This is the handle.

This is the cover.

I take the cover off like this.

This is the blade.

When I am walking with it I carry it like a handbag with the blade pointing downwards.

When I pass it to someone I keep the blade facing down and turn the handle to offer it to the other person.

When I am not using it I place it on the ground beside me in a clear space where it will not hit other objects and with the blade facing in.

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## Use:

I use the bow saw for cutting anything bigger than a 2p coin.

I need a partner to use the bowsaw.

When I use this tool I make sure I am two arms and a tool away from everyone else except my partner or people I am working with.

When I am cutting wood with it I need to wear a safety glove to protect my hand that is holding the wood. So does my partner.

The hand holding the tool does not need a glove.

With my partner, we say "To me to you," to get the rhythm of a forwards and backwards motion.

## Maintenance

I keep the blade covered when I am storing it.

I keep spare blades in my tool box to replace when necessary.

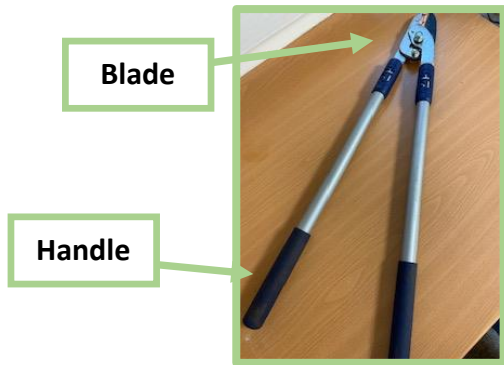
I clean it with a cloth and oil gun to make sure that all dirt and moisture is off the blade.

I keep it in my tool box with the blade cover on.

# Loppers

PS 1.1 PS 1.2 PS 1.3

TOOLS



## Tool Talk:

These are loppers.

This is the handle.

I open the safety catch like this.

This is the blade.

This is the cutting edge.

I stand with the loppers with one hand on the bottom arm, one on the top arm and the blade facing forwards.

I walk with the loppers with one hand on the bottom arm, one on the top arm and the blade facing forwards.

I pass the loppers by holding the centre of the arms and offer the handles to the other person.

When I am not using the loppers I place them on the ground next to me with the handles facing forwards and the blade behind me.

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## Use

I use loppers to cut wood thinner than a 2p coin.

When I use this tool I make sure I am two arms and a tool away from everyone else except my partner or people I am working with.

I do not need gloves.

To cut wood I open the safety catch and use like scissors, squeezing the two arms together.

## Maintenance

I sharpen my blade with a sharpening stone.

I use a cloth and oil to remove dirt and moisture from the blade.

I store them in my toolbox.

# Kindling Splitting Tool PS 1.1 PS 1.2 PS 1.3

TOOLS



Handle



Blade

Blade  
Cover

## Tool Talk:

This is a kindling splitter.

This is the handle.

I open the safety catch like this.

This is the blade.

This is the cutting edge.

I stand with the kindling splitter blade on top of the wood and I hold it with both hands. My partner uses a mallet to hold the wood and to tap the kindling splitter on top.

I walk with the kindling splitter by holding the handle just below the blade, next to my leg and facing downwards.

I pass the kindling splitter by keeping the blade facing down, hold the top of the tool and turn the handle towards the other person.

When I am not using the kindling splinter I place them on the ground with the blade facing inwards and the handle facing forwards or put away in the tool box.

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## Use

I use the kindling splitter to split small pieces of wood into kindling for a fire.

When I use this tool I make sure I am two arms and a tool away from everyone else except my partner.

I do not need gloves.

I also need a mallet.

## Maintenance

I need to make sure that the handle is tightly fitted to the blade.

I use a cloth and oil to remove dirt and moisture from the blade.

I store them in my toolbox.

# Peeler

PS 1.1 PS 1.2 PS 1.3

TOOLS



## Tool Talk:

This is a peeler.

This is the handle.

This is the blade.

This is the cutting edge.

I peel wood like this.

I walk holding the blades in my gloved hand next to my leg with the handle facing downwards.

I pass the peeler by holding the blades in my gloved hand and offer it to the other person.

When I am not using the peeler I place it on the ground with the handle facing backwards or put away in the tool box.

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## Use:

I use the peeler for whittling wood or peeling sticks.

I have the blade facing away from me on the outside of my body. I keep the wood between me and the knife.

When I use this tool I make sure I am two arms and a tool away from everyone.

When I am whittling wood with it I need to wear a safety glove to protect my hand that is holding the wood.

The hand holding the tool does not need a glove.

## Maintenance

I use a stick/paint brush to clean away any dirt.

I use WD40 to keep the peeler clean and protected from moisture.

I keep it in my tool box.

## Forest School tool transport statement

To whom it may concern.

This person (Lorna Boase) Forton Primary School Forton Preston PR30AS

uses the following tools:

sheath knife, peeler, bow saw, mallet, kindling splitter and loppers (for carving and green woodworking, conservation work and for teaching these skills to children and young people.

This work is carried out in the following places Forton Primary School..

This person has been trained and is qualified in the safe use of tools.

More about Forest School can be found at  
[www.forestschoolassociation.org](http://www.forestschoolassociation.org).

### UK Knife Law

According to the range of laws that govern the carrying of blades, most Forest School Practitioners could be at risk of contravening UK Knife Law. The only blades someone can legally carry in public in the UK are folding, non-locking pocket knives, like Swiss Army knives, with a blade that is less than 3 inches long. You may have a range of bladed tools that do not fit this description.

#### Which laws apply?

The laws which cover this area are:

Section 139 (A) of the Criminal Justice Act 1988

The Knives Act 1997

The Offensive Weapons Act 1996

#### What does the law say exactly?

Legislation states that 'It is illegal to carry any sharp or bladed instrument in a public place (with the exception of a folding pocket knife, which has a blade that is less than 7.62 cm (3 inches)). Without lawful authority or reasonable excuse.'

It should be remembered that the legislation is part of what is referred to as 'Statutory Preventative Measures' in that it is trying to prevent a more serious offence should a knife/weapon be used against a person. Therefore, the spirit of the law is such that those who are carrying 'tools' sit outside of the remit of this offence. It is aimed at those who believe it is acceptable to carry knives in public as weapons.