

# Scissors Policy

These are the scissors that we allow at the centre. Scissors must be accounted for and appropriate supervision must be given.

Scissors other than the safety scissors in the writing and creative areas in the pre-school rooms must be stored away appropriately in a high handled cupboard out of children's reach. A maximum of 2 pairs of adult scissors may be kept for practitioner use but again must be stored in the profile pods in cupboards out of children's reach.



## Caterpillars and Butterflies

**Scissor age** - 18 months – 2 years

**Total Pairs in Area** - 2

These plastic safety scissors are appropriate to introduce to a child under the age of 2 in a supervised activity.



## Bumblebees and Ladybirds

Scissor age – 2-3 years

**Total Pairs in Area** - 4

**2 straight edged and 2 zigzag**

These plastic safety scissors are appropriate to use with children aged 2 and 3 in a supervised activity. They do not cut clothes or hair.



For children who use scissors competently under supervision these metal scissors may be used in an activity. Practitioners should only introduce these Age guidance would be over 2.5 years **Total Pairs in Area** - 4.

**Warning** - These scissors can cut hair and clothes



## Dragonflies, Grasshoppers and Millipedes

Children in the pre-school rooms will have access to plastic safety scissors independently that will not cut clothes or hair. These scissors will be accessible to children at all times in the creative and writing area.

Total Pairs in Creative Area - 4

**2 straight edged and 2 zigzag**

Total Pairs in Writing Area - 4

**2 straight edged and 2 zigzag**

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Children will have access and the use of metal scissors when they are supervised by a practitioner.

Total Pairs in Area - **4**.

**Warning** -These scissors can cut hair and clothes

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| <b>Signed on behalf of the Centre</b> | Fiona Hakin                |
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