



## Rural Church Schools Academy Trust Scissor Skills Progression



	1.5 – 2 years old	2 – 2.5 years old	2.5 – 3 years old	3 – 3.5 years old	3.5 – 4 years old	4 – 4.5 years old	4.5 – 5 years old	5 – 5.5 years old
Scissor Skill	Hold Scissors	Opens/closes scissors  Snips paper	Snips paper moving forward	Uses helping hand  Cuts straight line	Cuts straight line  Cuts curved line	Cuts circle shape	Cuts square shape	Cuts complex shapes
Expectation	Child shows and interest in scissors. Understands that scissors are used to cut paper. Learns to hold scissors, often using both hands to open and close the blades.	Maintain a correct grip when positioned by an adult. Learns how to open and close the scissors, but not yet ready to use with paper.  Begins to make snips on paper with no forward motion on the paper. Opens and closes scissors with the entire hand.	Makes snips on the paper and begins to move the scissors across a 6 inch piece of paper.  Can hold scissors in the correct grip without assistance.	Begins to use the 'helping hand' to turn the paper while cutting (moving the paper with the scissors as in raising the shoulders/ extending the elbows).	Can move the scissors in a straight line that is 6 inches long with $\frac{1}{2}$ inch accuracy.  Can cut 6 inches along a curved line (1/4 inch wide) staying within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the line.	Can cut out a circle shape of at least 6 inches in diameter, staying within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the line.	Can cut out a square shape within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the cutting line, breaking the line and direction at least twice.	Can cut out complex shapes with good accuracy (within $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of the cutting line)
Resources	Child sized safety scissors with supervision at all times.	Child sized safety scissors with supervision at all times.  Child sized safety scissors with sugar paper strips.	Child sized safety scissors with sugar paper/paper strips.	Child sized scissors with different sized paper that the children can hold easily (in different shapes)	Child sized scissors. Paper with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness straight lines that are at least 6 inches long.  Paper with $\frac{1}{4}$ inch thickness curved lines that are at least 6 inches long.	Child sized scissors. Paper with circles on that are at least 6 inches in diameter to cut out.	Child sized scissors. Paper with squares on to cut out.	Child sized scissors. Paper with complex shapes (regular and irregular including curved and straight lines)

