



Instrument Care Guide

Trumpet/Cornet/Tenor Horn/Baritone/Euphonium/Tuba

Musical instruments are made to give years of service as long as they are looked after properly. This guide will explain how to care for your instrument.

- Never store anything on top of your instrument in its case as this can cause damage to the instrument. It is best to keep your music in a separate folder.
- Don't place your instrument unattended where it may fall or on the floor where it may get knocked or stood on.
- Don't play after eating or drinking soft drinks as this will help cause the build-up of bacteria on the inside of the instrument.
- If your mouthpiece gets stuck, please **don't attempt to remove it yourself**. Your teacher will have a special tool to remove it without causing damage to the instrument.

If anything goes wrong then please do not attempt to repair it yourself.
Contact the Jersey Music Service on 832230 or email jms@music.sch.je

Maintaining Your Brass Instrument

- Regularly oil your valves to keep them working correctly (your teacher will show you how).
- Regularly apply slide grease to your slides to avoid them getting stuck.
- Remove any water from your instrument after playing using the water keys.
- Clean your instrument regularly using the steps below to keep it working well.

Cleaning Your Brass Instrument

Brass instruments should be flushed out once every 2-3 months to clean out any accumulation of dirt and to prevent corrosion. A good place to do this is in a bathtub.

1. Fill the tub with lukewarm water and a mild soap.
2. Remove all slides and valves.



3. Place the instrument, mouthpiece, valves and slides in the water.
4. Use a snake brush to clean inside the slides and the bore of the instrument.
5. Use a mouthpiece brush to clean the inside of the mouthpiece.
6. Once all tubing has been cleaned, remove the instrument and dry with a soft cotton cloth.
7. Apply oil to the valves and grease to the slides before reassembling.