



## **Instrument Care Guide**

### **Cello/Double Bass**

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.
- Never leave your instrument next to a radiator, in direct sunlight, in a hot car or in a very cold room. String instruments don't like extreme temperatures!
- Pick up your instrument by the neck, never by the pegs or bridge.
- Never put your instrument down with the strings facing down.
- Please don't try to tune your instrument until you have been shown how by your teacher.
- Remember to put the spike away when resting your instrument, before packing it away or putting rosin on your bow.

### **Maintaining Your String Instrument**

- You may need to apply some rosin to the hairs on your bow before playing, without any you won't get a sound!
- Always loosen the hairs on your bow when returning it to the case
- Clean any rosin off the body of the instrument after playing with a soft duster (your teacher will show you how).
- Strings may break from time to time; replacements (matching your instrument's size) can be purchased locally or from a reputable online retailer. Your teacher will then be able to fit the new string at your lesson.

**If anything goes wrong then please do not attempt to repair it yourself.  
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