



Instrument Care Guide

Flute

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.
- 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 or in a very cold room. Woodwind instruments don't like extreme temperatures!
- 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 anything goes wrong then please do not attempt to repair it yourself.
Contact the Jersey Music Service on 832230**

Maintaining Your Flute

It is very important to clean your flute each time you finish playing to avoid causing damage to the pads. This is an essential part of taking correct care of the instrument.

Every time you finish playing:

- Insert the corner of a cotton cloth through the small hole in the top of the cleaning rod. Wrap the cloth around the rod and insert gently into the foot, body and head joint individually to remove any moisture.

Regularly:

- Clean the joints with a silver polishing cloth to avoid stiffness.
- Clean the outside of your flute with a polishing cloth, being very careful not to apply pressure to the keys.



Assembling Your Flute

Please wait for your teacher to show you how to correctly assemble your flute before trying on your own.

- Take care not to hold the keys when you are putting your flute together as they can easily bend.
- Attach the foot and head joint to the main body with a gentle twisting action, ensuring not to apply any pressure to the keys.