



## Instrument Care Guide

### Oboe

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 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 Oboe

**It is very important to clean your oboe 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:

- Remove the reed from the mouthpiece and place it in a reed holder.
- Use your pull through to remove moisture from the inside of the by dropping the weighted end of the string through the instrument and pulling the cleaner through.

#### Regularly:

- Clean your pull-through in the washing machine.
- Clean the outside of your oboe with a polishing cloth, being very careful not to apply pressure to the keys.
- Apply cork grease.

## **Assembling Your Oboe**

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

1. Check the corked joints of the instrument, if they're dry, apply a small amount of cork grease on each.
2. With the upper joint in your right hand and the lower in your left, ensuring you hold where there are no keys, gently twist the two joints together, lining up the keys.