



Instrument Care Guide

Saxophone

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 Saxophone

It is very important to clean your saxophone 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 saxophone.
- Remember to remove your neck strap and store safely in a separate compartment.

Regularly:

- Clean your mouthpiece with warm water, ensuring not to soak the cork.
- Clean the outside of your saxophone with a polishing cloth, being very careful not to apply pressure to the keys.



Assembling Your Saxophone

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

1. Place the neck strap around your neck.
2. If required, apply a small amount of cork grease to the neck of your saxophone.
3. Twist the mouthpiece half way onto the neck cork, leaving the open side of the mouthpiece facing down.
4. Gently twist the bell and barrel into place without putting pressure on any keys.
5. Loosen the screw at the top of the main body of the saxophone and gently twist the neck into place, ensuring not to apply any pressure to the keys.
6. Align the tip of the reed with the tip of the mouthpiece and tighten the ligature screws to hold the reed firmly in place.
7. Attach the hook of the neck strap to the ring on the body of the instrument.