



Instrument Care Guide

Violin/Viola

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 on a chair where it may fall off 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. 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, even when fixing on your shoulder rest or Huber pad.
- Don't try to tune your instrument until you have been shown how by your teacher.

Maintaining Your String Instrument

- You may need to apply rosin to the hairs on your bow before playing - you won't get a sound without any!
- Always loosen the hairs on your bow when returning it to the case
- Remember to remove the shoulder rest or Huber pad from your instrument 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.

Contact the Jersey Music Service on 832230