



## **Instrument Care Guide**

### **Bassoon**

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 Bassoon**

**It is very important to clean your bassoon 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 crook 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 bassoon with a polishing cloth, being very careful not to apply pressure to the keys.
- Apply cork grease to the corks.