

Taking Care of Your String Instrument

- Always lay the case down flat before you unpack your instrument.
- Keep your instrument away from extreme hot and cold temperatures.
- Please do not attempt to tune the instrument using the pegs until you have been taught how to do it. This is the quickest way to snap strings which can be very expensive.
- Remember to tighten your bow before you start to play and slacken the bow when you have finished. DO NOT over tighten.
- Put a little resin on your bow each time you play to keep your bow in good working order. Look after your resin as it breaks very easily.
- DO NOT let anyone else play your instrument, it is your responsibility.
- DO NOT leave your instrument propped up. Always lie it on its side (cello) or flat on its back.
- When you have finished playing your instrument wipe off any resin with a duster and pack it away.
- If you have a problem with your instrument or if you think it is broken, bring it back to your music teacher at school and DO NOT try to get it repaired yourself. Alternatively contact our instrument warehouse team at lmsinstruments@lancashire.gov.uk for advice.
- Practice at home. By playing your instrument a little each day you will make good progress and keep your instrument in good working order.
- To help you practice you can log in to Lancshiremusicserviceinteractive.co.uk. You will find this information in your practice diary.

Following these guidelines will ensure that you have great fun playing your instrument.

