

Looking After Your Clarinet

The instrument you have bought is of great value and will need looking after. Here are a few simple steps on how this should be approached.

Daily – or each time you play

1. When you have finished playing, the first thing you will need to do is to clean the inside of your clarinet using the pullthrough supplied with the instrument.

The most effective way to use the pullthrough is to first take off the mouthpiece, then hold the clarinet so that the bell is pointing upwards.

DO NOT HOLD YOUR CLARINET ONLY BY THE BELL.

Put the weight down the bell of your Clarinet so that the weight falls through and appears at the end where the mouthpiece joins the Clarinet. Use the Clarinet pullthrough two or three times to ensure the bore of the Clarinet is free from any moisture.

2. If you have a wooden Clarinet ensure that the sockets and inserts are dry after every use and are cleaned regularly.
3. Clean the outside of your Clarinet with either a **Duster – for Nickel Plated Keywork** (ACM503), or a **'Silver Cloth' – for Silver Plated Keywork** (ACM502). This should be carried out every time you have finished playing.
4. Dry your mouthpiece and reed.

Attention

Due to the current worldwide health issues we would highly recommend that the following guidelines be adhered to:

1. **Clean your mouthpiece at least on a weekly basis (not with hot water).**
2. **Never share other players' mouthpieces.**
3. **The use of Sterisol (ALU050) and a mouthpiece brush (ACM272) would be advisable.**

18 Months – 2 Years

To ensure correct performance and a long life for your clarinet it is recommended that you have it serviced by a qualified repairer after 18 months to 2 years of playing.

If you have any doubts or queries please call us on 01628 630 800 and we will be glad to advise you.

