

## **CARE OF YOUR BRASS INSTRUMENT**

Please take your instrument and mouthpiece out of the case carefully. Gently twist the mouthpiece into the receiver. Never tap it – it might get jammed. For hygiene your mouthpiece should be washed in clean warm soapy water every so often. Dry the mouthpiece thoroughly.

The valves will occasionally stick and may need cleaning/oiling. Please wait until the following lesson for the teacher to clean them.

Hold the instrument correctly when playing - like you have been shown in your lesson. (Wrap your left hand around the valves. Place the tips of your first three right hand fingers on the valve tops. Your fingers should be curved and relaxed. Place your right hand little finger in the ring).

After playing, use the water key to empty water from the instrument. Depress the water key and blow air through the instrument. Wipe your instrument with a soft cloth/kitchen towel.

Remove the mouthpiece and put it and your instrument carefully in the case making sure the latches are closed. (If the mouthpiece gets jammed into the instrument please do not try to remove it, bring it to your next lesson where the teacher can remove it with a special tool).

Always keep the instrument in the case when not being used.

If at any time you drop or damage your instrument, don't panic. Remember that anybody can have an accident and most things can be repaired no matter how bad they look. Just put the instrument away carefully including anything that has come off and bring the instrument back to school to be repaired.

Thank you.

