

Dear Parent

Your child will be learning to play the flute with Severn Arts. Below are some tips on caring for your instrument.

Assembling the flute

As a rule, the blow hole on the headjoint should line up with the first key. As pupils advance they may wish to alter this slightly. It should never be rolled out too much, as this will affect the tone.

The rod on the foot joint should always line up so that it is half way through the last key on the main body. This allows for the right hand to be curved in a comfortable playing position.

Curved head joints have two possible positions; the easiest is to have the lip plate positioned directly over the main body. This can be awkward, especially as joints on these instruments are often loose. Alternatively the lip plate can be pushed closer to the pupil. Again there is a balance issue, but with experimenting a comfortable position can be found.

Caring for the flute

When assembling the flute take care not to bend the keys as this will affect the instruments playing ability.

When not in use, put the flute back in its case to avoid damage.

We hope that your child enjoys learning how to play the flute.

The Severn Arts Team

