Saxophone Care Guide

Before Playing:

Remove your saxophone from its case by the bell, not the keys.

Always soak your reed in your mouth while putting your saxophone together, and apply a small amount of cork grease (if needed) to the mouthpiece cork to help ease assembly.

After Playing:

Take your reed off and store it well. If you can, rotate which reed you play on daily.

Always swab out your instrument after playing. Silk, cotton and microfibre swabs are excellent options. Place the swab through the bell end and pull it far enough through the instrument to remove any moisture. You can also use a cleaning rod to help pull the swab through.

After swabbing, use a clean, soft cloth to wipe down the outside of the saxophone.

Storage:

Store your saxophone properly in its case when you're not using it.

Never store your saxophone in extreme hot or cold temperatures.

Loose items can damage your instrument. Do not put sheet music or other items in your case unless there is a designated compartment for them.

When carrying your saxophone, double-check that the case latches are securely closed. It's a good idea to carry the lid of your case against your leg for extra protection.

Weekly Maintenance:

Wash your cotton swab in warm water with a mild detergent once a week (or at least once a month depending on use). Allow it to fully dry before you use it again.

Use a soft cloth to wipe each key one by one, taking care not to snag any springs.

