

**Caring for Your Clarinet**

A clarinet on a white background

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**What to do**

* Take the clarinet apart and dry the inside with a cloth after playing.
* Keep the reed in a reed case and change reeds regularly.
* Put the clarinet in its case and close it when not in use.
* Oil the corks sometimes (ask your teacher for the right oil).
* Check the keys gently for loose screws.

**What not to do**

* Don’t leave the reed on the mouthpiece when you put it away.
* Don’t force joints together — line them up and push gently.
* Don’t eat or drink (except water) before playing.
* Don’t try to fix broken keys yourself.