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**VIOLIN
GUIDE**

INSTRUMENT CARE

Violin care is very important to ensure the instrument continues to play at its best.

The Violin:

1. Always keep your violin in its case when you are not playing it.
2. Never loosen the strings on your violin unless you are changing them.
3. Never store your violin in direct sunlight or near excessive heat or dampness.
4. Always keep your violin clean.
N.B Pay particular attention to removing Rosin powder from the violin body, finger board and strings.

The Bow:

1. Always loosen the hairs on the bow when not playing. This is achieved by turning the screw on the end of the bow anti-clockwise.
2. Over time the bow stick will become covered in the dust from the rosin. Ensure that this is cleaned regularly.
3. Always store the bow in the violin case, as they are fragile and can damage easily if left lying around.

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INTRODUCTION

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Congratulations and thanks for purchasing an Ashton violin. We are confident that you will have many years of use & enjoyment from your new violin.

Following in this quick guide, is some helpful information on violin care including; cleaning, stringing, and tuning. This information will help you maximize the life of your instrument, and your enjoyment of it.

Happy Playing!

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GETTING STARTED

The first things to do before beginning to play your violin are

1. Tune the violin
2. Preparing the bow for use.

The main task in preparing the bow for use is getting enough rosin on the bow in order for it to help produce a sound.

Rosin works by coating the bow hair, to create friction which in turn produces a sound from the strings.

Tips for applying rosin.

1. Apply the rosin by rubbing it along the length of the bow until it has a good coating.
2. You can not over rosin the bow.
- 3 After you have applied an amount, test whether it is enough by attempting to produce a note on the violin.
4. If the violin produces a squeaky sound, this indicates that there is not enough rosin on the bow.
5. The first application of rosin to the bow, will require a larger amount of rosin, thus it will take a longer time to prepare.

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TUNING

Tuning the violin can be difficult at first, it may require some help from your violin teacher or your music shop.

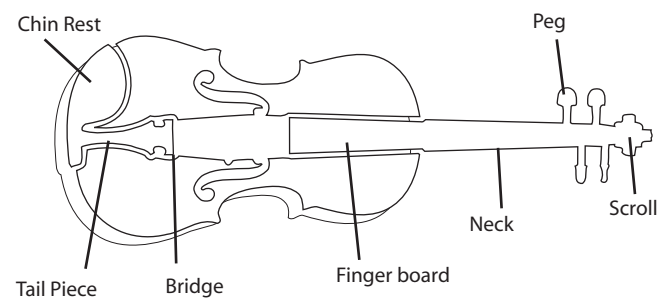
The violin is tuned to the following notes.

LOW: G
D
A
HIGH: E

When tuning the violin you will need to push the pegs in as you tune each note in order for the peg to stay in position when you let it go.

There are many useful tools available to help you tune your violin, such as electronic tuners (Ashton CT100 / GT100).

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