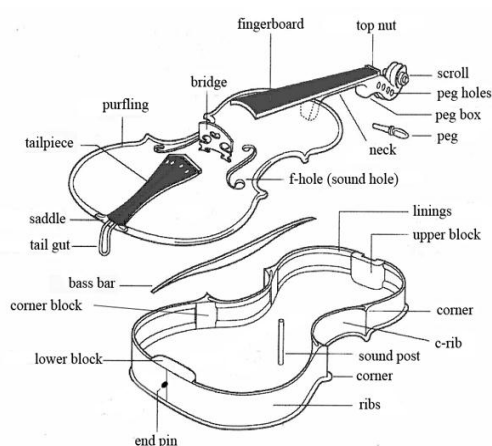


Violins, cellos and double basses!



Using and looking after your violin/cello/bass



Your violin is a delicate musical instrument and needs careful looking after. The thing that will affect it most is being too hot so don't leave it in the sun or leaning on a radiator.

When you have finished playing clean the rosin off the varnish and the strings with a soft duster. Don't use any chemicals like furniture polish because they will stop the bow from gripping the strings properly. Then store it in its case with the lid shut.

If something goes wrong:-

No sound when you bow	Probably your bow needs some rosin!
Whistle squeaks and other nasty noises!	Probably not your violin! Make sure you are bowing between the end of the fingerboard and the bridge but not right on top of the bridge. Experiment!
Loose strings/broken strings	Take it to your teacher who can fit a new string if necessary and tune it for you.
Bridge falls down	Put the bridge in a safe place in the case so it doesn't get broken. It is not meant to be glued on. Your teacher will be able to stand it up again.
Chinrest comes off	Your teacher will be able to put it back on and tighten it for you.