

HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR UKULELE...

Before you play

- Check that the strings are in tune, and tune them to pitch if they are not. Your ukulele will need re-tuning before each time you play it. It is handy to have a tuner in your gig bag.



After you play

- Wipe the strings of the ukulele down to remove any dirt or grease.
- Place your ukulele somewhere safe, where it is unlikely to be damaged e.g. in a hard case, or on a stand.
- Avoid storing your ukulele in direct sunlight, as the heat will stretch the strings and reduce their lifespan, as well as detuning them. Excessive heat can also damage or fade a ukulele's finish, as well as warping the wooden parts of the ukulele, which can render it unplayable.



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General care tips

- After some usage, ukulele strings can break. This is normal, and the string will just need replacing. Ukulele strings come in full sets of 4 strings, or as individual ones, so you can choose if you would like to replace all of the strings, or just one.

- It is recommended that you change all of the strings on your ukulele every



2-3 months, but you can do so as often (or not) as you like. If the strings show signs of age or dirt buildup, you should change

the strings. If you do not know how to change your ukulele strings, ask your teacher or parent for help, or bring it to a musical instrument shop.

- Clean the ukulele regularly with a cleaning cloth, ensuring it is free of dust and/or grime. It is a good idea to clean the fretboard each time you replace the strings.
- If you notice that the neck of your ukulele is bending (or 'bowing') too far forwards or backwards, you should take it to a musical instrument shop to have a technician look at it, as excessive neck bowing can cause permanent damage to the ukulele.

