



# **Keyboard care** **and basic maintenance**

## **Guidance for Parents/Carers**

**With children not being able to see their regular music teacher we have put together a guide to help with understanding basic instrument care.**

**If you are in contact with the music teacher, they will also be able to help and advise you if you have any questions.**

### **When the instrument isn't being used**

- Care should be taken when placing the instrument back in its case.
- Do not subject the instrument to extremes of temperature e.g. near radiators, in hot cars, very cold places, as this can damage the instrument.
- Always keep the instrument in its case when it's not being played to stop it from getting damaged.
- Make sure the case is securely fastened when you are transporting it.

### **Cleaning**

- The keyboard should be cleaned regularly with a duster to remove any dirt or grease from the keys or controls.
- Do not let any water get onto or into the keyboard, as this can damage the instrument.
- When dirt is noticeable you can dampen a cloth in a dilute solution of a neutral detergent, wring out well, and use this cloth to wipe away the dirt.

### **General Care**

- Take care when connecting the instrument to the electricity supply, or make sure to use the correct batteries.
- If the power supply doesn't work, you can try batteries to see if it's the power supply or the keyboard that's faulty.
- Make sure that you connect up any cables correctly, including the mains adapter and headphones if necessary.

**Remember:** If headphones are being used, check that the volume hasn't been set too loud before they're put on.

If you have any other questions or a setting seems to have changed, you can usually find the manual online for your particular make and model (which you will find on a label usually on the bottom of the keyboard).