



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU'RE STARTING TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT

- You'll have a **lesson in school** once a week and we'll let your parents know which day this will be.
- Your parents will hire or buy an **instrument** for you. You need to take good care of it and make sure you don't leave it where it could get damaged.
- You'll need to **practise at home between lessons** – this is really important and the ***Clever Practice*** tips will help you.
- In your first lesson, your teacher will give you a **practice notebook**. Please look after this because it's very important! It's where your teacher will write down what you need to practise and anything else you need to know. Your teacher and your parents will also use it to write messages to each other. Your parents need to read and sign your notebook every week.
- Remember to take your instrument, music books and practice diary to school on your lesson day. Keep your books and your diary in a special **music bag** next to your instrument and you won't forget anything.
- You'll have your lesson with other pupils (there'll be between two and four of you). Listen to your teacher, always **work hard in your lessons** and help each other too.
- When your teacher says you are ready, you'll **join a school orchestra or band**. This will help you to become a good player much more quickly. You'll need to attend rehearsals regularly and you'll get to play in concerts.