



Music **at** heart

*more than just music lessons*

## **SUZUKI RECORDER**

### *Information for Beginners*

### **SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME**

- As a parent / supporter / home teacher be involved in the learning process as much as possible, particularly if your child is young
- As part of a team (the Suzuki Triangle: pupil – teacher – parent), all your support in our shared venture is much appreciated
- Working together, the experience of making beautiful music will be a rewarding and enjoyable one for everybody

### **Create a Positive Environment**

- Play the CD every day, casually, without concern for whether your child is listening attentively
- Be enthusiastic yourself about practice time!
- Always praise your child's efforts, be understanding and be generous with encouraging remarks
- Once or twice a week, give a short home concert for someone who does not usually supervise the practice sessions (another parent, a neighbour or even an audience of teddies will suffice!) – include bowing and applause

### **Top Tips for Efficient Practice:**

1. Little and often (try and establish a daily practice routine, ideally at the same time each day)
2. Small steps (don't try and get everything right all at once)
3. Repetition (the key to success) and Review (revisiting and improving pieces already learned)
4. Fill in a practice chart as a record of progress and achievement – and have a rewards system
5. Sense when a practice session is over: it is more important to return to the instrument with joy and enthusiasm tomorrow than to force a few extra minutes today

*When asked by one of his pupils, "Do I need to practise every day?"  
Shinichi Suzuki answered, "No – only on the days you eat!"*