

# 8 Hand Position & MP only

## Starting Hand Position

No playing - just fingers

Left hand (upper joint) only

Hold at barrel with right hand

## The Thumb

Thumb over the thumb hole, gently touches register key.

Teach the 3 positions

## Fingers 1, 2 & 3

The PAD of the fingers cover the holes, not the tip.

The first knuckle (by fingernail) should not bend up.

They 'hover' over the holes - as close as possible.

## The Pinky

Touches the C# Key

Should always touch the key

## Finger Drills

1. Practice GFEDC with note names and positions.
2. Use simple fingering system - Open, Thumb, 1,2,3
2. No playing, only fingers

## Mouthpiece Only

1. It tells you more than Mouthpiece/Barrel
2. Be sure they keep the angle the same
3. Pitch should be between a C/C#
4. If they are low, see Episodes 5/6 for how to fix
5. Make a big deal about being up to pitch. Celebrate!