

Peak — Potters

Creative Studio

Kids' Ceramics Courses 2018/2019

Hello and Welcome!

The ceramics courses at Peak Potters aim to provide a pleasant environment and well stocked workshop, with guidance through the core principles of working with clay, and providing inspiration and enthusiasm to encourage students to produce creations they never thought they could.

We've had a busy time getting the workshop ready, opening our doors in September 2016. There are still a few finishing touches that will be going on through-out the coming months, so I hope you will bear with us while the works continue.

With that in mind, all new children will have an induction on their first visit, so I will run through all the health and safety precautions with them then (and they are also included in this pack), but particularly for your arrival, please be aware that we are in the process of tidying up the entrance and building a drystone wall, so there is walling stone stored on the land around the workshop that may be unstable - for safety, no climbing or playing on these please. This is particularly tempting at pick up time when us adults are distracted! We will endeavour to finish the building work as soon as possible. There is also an electric fence beyond our boundary wall to keep the cattle out, so again, **please stay well away from this area!** All areas beyond the driveway and entrance are also out of bounds, as is the main living area of the house.

During the busy drop off and pick up times it is advisable to **park your car on the lay-by across the road from us**. Please take extra care crossing Chapel Road which has a 50mph limit at this point. Cars do come fast around the corner, so for your safety please take your time to choose a suitable gap in the traffic. If you have mobility issues or are transporting a large group to Peak Potters and need to park on our driveway, that is absolutely fine, but please come well on to the drive, leaving room for pedestrians to get past and **please do NOT park in the area next to our gateway labelled No.2 No Parking** - this spot belongs to our neighbours who require it to be left empty for them at all times. Thank you for your cooperation.

When you enter the property please go straight along the driveway towards the field to enter the building through the big bi-fold doors on the far side of the building. We will be using these doors for the duration of the course, unless you hear otherwise.

I have disposable aprons at the ready, but if your child/ren would rather wear an apron of their own, then please feel free to bring it. Frequent washing of fabric aprons is advised to avoid dust. If they have time before the start of class, a change

of clothes would be advisable as, although most materials we will be using come out in the wash, terracotta has a tendency to stain.

Also, as they are likely to be coming straight from school, the children may need a water bottle and a snack to keep them going. **Please encourage them to finish their snack before entering the workshop.** Drinking water is available for top ups, and there is a toilet nearby if needed (upstairs).

I have attached 3 forms for you to read through and fill in. I would appreciate it if you could bring them along to your first session, or scan and email them to helen@cadstermill.plus.com . **Please sign and date the forms** to show that you understand the health and safety precautions and guidelines, that the student details you are providing are correct to the best of your knowledge and that you agree to the payment terms.

The Venue:

The workshop at Cadster Mill is a wonderful large and light space, perfect for creative group activities. There is a bit more information about it on the website.

Peak Potters,
Cadster Mill,
Chapel Rd,
Whaley Bridge.
Derbyshire.
SK23 7EN.

Ceramics birthday parties, group bookings and one-off drop-ins are also available at Peak Potters during weekends and holidays, or by arrangement. Please visit the website for more details and feel free to get in touch with any requirements. Adult beginner courses are on Wednesdays from 1-3pm, and Tuesdays from 7.30pm-9.30pm.

I am really looking forward to the start of a great term of creativity and can't wait to see what fabulous ceramics the children come up with!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions you may have.

With thanks and best wishes,

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