



About Our Kiln

Kiln Location

Unit 16 Mealbank Ind Est
Mealbank
La8 9DL

Kiln Details

Rohde TE 165
165 litres
Internal Dimensions: 730w x 630d x 460h

Kiln Fees

We have 2 different fees for members and non members

Members

£55 Full kiln Firing
£15 per shelf

Non - Members

£65 Full kiln Firing
£25 per shelf

Kiln Bookings

Before booking the kiln, all non-members must read the Kiln Hire Terms & Conditions below and complete the [Kiln Hire Agreement Form](#).

All studio members agree to the firing Terms & Conditions as part of their membership.

To make a booking, please email tbc



Kiln Hire – Terms & Conditions

Loading

- The kiln will be loaded by a trained technician.

Type of Work

- All work must be bone dry. We will not slow-fire work that is still wet.
- We do not fire combustible materials, raw glazed work, or found/wild clay due to the risks and variables involved.
- No oxides, stains, or glaze on the base of work.
- If you are unfamiliar with the glaze you are using, we ask that your work is fired on cookies/patties to protect kiln shelves.

Firing & Damages

- We are happy to advise on firing schedules where possible, but it is your responsibility to ensure your work, clay body, and glazes are suitable for the requested firing. We cannot accept responsibility if a firing does not produce the desired results.
- Ragtag cannot accept responsibility for damage occurring during firing, including: explosions, cracking, warping, glaze faults, improper glaze fit, and colour variation
- Any damage caused to kiln shelves, kiln furniture, or the kiln itself will incur repair or replacement charges at the studio's discretion.

Collection

- We will contact you by email when your work is ready for collection.
- The studio is not open to the public and staff are not always on site.
- Collection is usually available:
 - Tuesdays: 1pm–9pm
 - Friday mornings
- Please confirm collection times with staff before visiting.
- Please bring your own packaging for transporting work safely.

Bookings & Payment

- You will be invoiced for firing costs.
- Payment is due upon receipt of invoice.
- Cancellations made within 7 days of your firing date will be charged at full price.
- We reserve the right to cancel or postpone firings due to; kiln failure; maintenance or repair; building issues or unforeseen circumstances. Where possible, alternative arrangements will be discussed directly with you.



Top Tips for Successful Firings

- Make sure work is completely bone dry before firing.
- Hollow out objects larger than a golf ball.
- Hollow forms should have a small vent hole to allow air to escape.
- Avoid very thick bases or uneven wall thicknesses where possible.
- Clean all glaze, oxides, and underglaze from the bottom of pots.
- Test new glazes before using them on important work.
- Use cookies to protect kiln shelves, especially when testing unfamiliar glazes.
- Check that your clay body matches the kiln firing temperature.
- Check that your glaze firing temperature matches the kiln firing temperature.
- Large flat pieces are more likely to warp during firing.
- Handles and joins should be well compressed and securely attached.

Remember: ceramics can be unpredictable
— even experienced potters lose work occasionally!

Kiln Damage Costs

The following costs are intended as a guide only and may change depending on the extent of damage and current replacement costs. Kiln maintenance and repairs are very expensive, so we want to provide a rough price guide to help highlight the importance of checking your glazes, firing temperatures, and materials before firing.

Damage	Guide Cost
Kiln shelf damage (under 5cm circle)	£25
Kiln shelf damage (under 10 cm)	£35
Full kiln shelf replacement	£200
Damage to kiln elements	£800 for all elements to be replaced
Damage to kiln walls or bricks	Starting from £50
Damage to kiln furniture	Props and stilts from £5

