

## Rules for group firings

The following are the general rules for all Halswell Pottery Group group and joint (i.e. other groups invited) firings.

1. **The Firing Coordinator is the boss.** Follow all instructions given by the Firing Coordinator and do not do anything at a firing unless they have told you it is OK. If you don't do this, you can end up ruining yours or others' pieces.
2. **No Children.** Firings involve a lot of potential hazards (chemicals, open flames, etc.), a fair amount of chaos and too many potential risks to be able to guarantee the safety for any children in attendance so we ask you not bring children with you. Children also pose a potential risk to the pieces being fired depending on the type of firing, for example we have had pieces damaged during pit firings by unsupervised children.
3. **Stay to the end.** If you put in pieces for a firing, you are expected to stay and help for the full length of the firing or your shift (if the firing is rostered). Firing is hard work, and everyone needs to do their fair share. If you cannot attend a firing, do not put in any pieces.
4. **Limit the number / size of pieces.** One challenge of group firings is making sure everyone participating can get some pieces into the kiln. Please do not bring a large number of pieces, or really big pieces to a group firing (unless the Firing Coordinator has indicated this is OK).
5. **Keep safe.** Please take responsibility for your own health and safety by bringing gloves and masks, and dressing appropriately. For example, for firings wear masks to keep the smoke out of your lungs and long-sleeve shirts made of natural materials that will not melt, or if you will be handling chemicals wear nitrile/latex gloves.
6. **Cash.** Have cash with to pay for participation and firing please. To be paid on the day of firing.