

GridPP46 Collaboration Meeting

Tuesday 31st August (PMB only)

2pm Wednesday 1st – 2pm Friday 3rd September 2021



The PMB are looking forward to welcoming you to Ambleside for the first 'in-person' collaboration meeting since GridPP43 took place in August 2019. However, we recognise the impact Covid continues to have on all aspects of our lives and the safety and wellbeing of our participants is of the utmost importance.

The PMB are liaising directly with the site event organisers and after reviewing the venue's Covid Risk Assessment (available upon request), have agreed the following guidance:

Collaboration Sessions

The Ambleside campus is continuing to adhere to the 1m+ social distancing rule for group events until the Autumn. The meeting will not be held in the normal lecture theatre but in another room where seating layout will accommodate this requirement.

The PMB kindly request that all participants wear a mask when moving around the meeting room and indoor areas. Masks can be removed when seated indoors or when outdoors.

Accommodation

Rooms are located in Fell Court and will be cleaned and ready for your arrival.



The accommodation facility offers shared kitchens and communal areas.

You should follow any local instructions when using these areas, such as maximum numbers and cleaning after use.

The PMB kindly request that you wear masks when using communal areas and when moving around the building.

Dining

To mitigate the Covid risk for participants, the PMB have taken the decision not to meet for traditional 'sit down' meals as a large group for the duration of the event. With regret, this means we will not be hosting a formal collaboration dinner.

Dining arrangements will be provided as follows:-

- **Breakfast** will be served in two sittings to ensure social distancing can be maintained. The area offers both indoor and outdoor space. The PMB kindly request that you wear masks when moving around the dining area.
- **Lunch** will be provided on Thursday and Friday in a 'packed lunch' format to encourage participants to meet in smaller groups outdoors (weather permitting!).
- **Evening meals** on Wednesday and Thursday will be the responsibility of individual participants. However, weather permitting, we may be able to organise an outdoor communal meal (take away/external catering) on the Thursday evening in lieu of the collaboration dinner.

Further information on specific dining times and options will be provided in due course.

Travel

The PMB recommend that all participants book travel in line with their own institutional travel and risk assessment policies which will cover Covid related factors.

GridPP cannot reimburse participants for travel related expenses due to cancellation.

Cancellation

Given the uncertainty around Covid, the PMB understands that participants may have to cancel at short notice. Non-travel cancellation costs (accommodation/catering) for Covid related issues will be met by GridPP so that individual participants do not incur any financial penalty.

Lateral Flow Testing

The University of Cumbria currently adhere to a testing policy for anyone on campus using regular lateral flow (LF) testing.

This is not mandatory for visitors, however the PMB would recommend undertaking an LF test before attending the event.

Tests can be ordered online <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> or you may be able to pick these up from your local pharmacy.