

BRITISH LIME ASSOCIATION - WORK THAT IS CRITICAL TO THE COVID-19 RESPONSE

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IDENTIFICATION OF CRITICAL WORKERS

On 19th March 2020 the UK Government issued its '[Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities on maintaining educational provision](#)', which set out that parents whose work was critical would have access to educational provision. The concept of 'critical work' included staff working in the "water sectors (including sewerage)" and "primary industry supplies" and in the "chemicals" and "waste" sectors.

LIME MANUFACTURING IS CRITICAL WORK

Lime is an essential product for the proper functioning of drinking water and wastewater treatment plants and is vital for the treatment and sanitation of sludge from these operations. Lime is used to clean emissions from waste incinerators, energy from waste plants, and other large combustion plants. Lime is also used in the manufacture of primary materials (e.g. steel, plastics) that are used to produce other goods that may be critical to combating COVID-19.

Lime sold on the open market is manufactured at only five sites across the UK, in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and North Lincolnshire, with a processing facility in Cumbria. For these operations, employees of British lime Association Members are critical to the manufacturing and availability of lime, because of their manufacturing knowledge, but also because of their knowledge of supply, delivery and use.

As such, lime manufacturing is work critical to combating the spread, and in treating, COVID-19.

WHAT ACTION TO TAKE

Children should remain at home wherever possible and not be sent to school. However, if a critical worker in the lime industry needs to use the provision at schools they can contact the local school directly and use this information sheet to explain why their work is of critical importance.

As per the UK Government advice, if your school is closed then please contact your local authority, who will seek to redirect you to a local school in your area that your child, or children, can attend.

WHAT ACTION IS BEING TAKEN BY THE BRITISH LIME ASSOCIATION AND THE MINERAL PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION

This is an initial and interim approach from the British Lime Association (BLA - www.britishlime.org) to provide clarity to BLA Members and their employees. It will form part of a wider strategy from the Mineral Products Association (MPA - www.mineralproducts.org) in due course. The BLA will be posting this information on its website and social media.

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