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As restrictions ease, vaccination levels rise & COVID cases fall, is it the end for Working From Home (WFH)?

Are we all itching to get back to the office full time asap?

Or do we want to continue Working From Home?

Has it made us more productive & satisfied with our job?

And if we are made to return full time, will that make us look for a new employer?

We asked our candidates for their opinions...



Are you looking forward to returning to the office? If you have already returned to the office, are you happy to be back?



58% are not looking forward to going back to the office.

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61% expect their employer to require vaccinations in order to work in the office



And 54% will not be happy to return if their colleagues are not vaccinated.



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But, when they do go back, it's their colleagues they want to see. 60% want to get back to socialising and collaborating with their colleagues.

They've missed you!



If you are looking forward to going / are glad to be back in the office, what are the reasons?



However, a huge 94% want to be able to continue Working From Home.

Not all the time but nearly 3/4 (74%) want at least 2 days a week working at home.



WFH is so important to people now that a small majority, 53%, will consider leaving their current job if they are made to go to the office full time.

And in the future, when they next look for a job 78% will give preference to an employer that offers WFH as an option. Only 4% say they will not.

Why?



Well, most people surveyed (87%) feel they are at least as productive at home as in the office. Only 13% feel less productive.



And a large majority, 90%, feel communication with their boss is at least as good as it used to be. Only 10% feel it is worse.



Pre-pandemic 48% of respondents were satisfied with their job.

Since WFH began, that figure has risen to 66%. Fewer than 10% of employees are now less satisfied with their job while WFH.





And in conclusion 88% of workers believe that the positives of a hybrid WFH & Office work situation far outweigh the negatives.





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Takeaways

Most employees, 58%, are not looking forward to the office return;

partly due to fears over COVID - most expect all staff to be vaccinated -

but mostly because WFH has produced so many positives.

So many people now have more job satisfaction & are more productive that

88% feel a hybrid WFH/Office format is the way forward &

78% will choose a future employer with WFH as an option. To speak to a People First consultant about your recruitment needs, please contact us on 020 7796 3636

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