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The 9-5 is dead but the office is NOT

Coronavirus has killed the traditional 9 to 5¹, but the office will remain a key part of British working life, a new report has today claimed.

The publication warns workplaces 'will not return to normal' after the pandemic is brought under control - with employees having adapted to the 'new normal' of working from home during the Covid-19 lockdown.

But it describes speculation that the office is dead as 'misplaced'.

Instead, the office will still play a key role for white collar² workers, many of whom actively want to return, the report adds.

This is driven partly by an increase in stress levels while working from home, as well as a lack of personal development and loneliness, according to the report.

It suggests workers splitting time between the office and working from home may be the way forward for many companies, even after the pandemic is over.

The publication, released today, was commissioned for the British Contract Furnishing Association (BCFA), a business membership organisation representing firms within the furnishing industry.

Commenting on the findings, Jeremy Smith, managing director of the BCFA, said: 'The voice of office workers and their employers has now been heard loud and clear – this report puts beyond doubt that the way people work is going to change.'

'Home and remote working has lost its, often negative, reputation however, it is also clear that teams need space to grow, flourish and collaborate together, and the office of the future will need to support this if organisations are to be successful.'

'The seismic change that has happened over the last several months is here to stay – the future will be a mix of people working from home and working and collaborating at the office

Adapted from *www.dailymail.co.uk*, October 30, 2020

¹ 9 to 5 : times when you start and finish work every day

² Office workers