

Question:

Do teachers only work a four day week?

Answer:

No.

Teachers are contractually required to work what is known as Directed Time (i.e. as the head directs) for 1265 hours per year over 195 days.

From September 2005 teachers also received what is known as PPA time. Planning, preparation and assessment time. This is 10% of teaching time and must be non-contact.

In our school every teacher gets a day off every fortnight in school to plan and prepare lessons. In secondary schools teachers get far more. Most of our teachers work very long hours as the school has high expectations but also carefully monitors workload.

We were the early adopter school for Workforce Reform and have been in the lead in reducing unnecessary workload and stress.