

## Amazon staff to return to office five days a week

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On the 23rd of May 2023, the WHO declared "with great hope" an end to COVID-19 as a public health emergency. Sixteen months later, many workers are still working from home.

Retail giant Amazon has decided it is time to end its hybrid work policy. The company has told its employees they must return to a five-day week from the 2nd of January 2025.

Amazon CEO Andy Jassy told staff in a memo that: "We've decided that we're going to return to being in the office the way we were before Covid." He said being with other staff would help workers collaborate, brainstorm, and invent. He added that teaching and learning from one another is "more seamless" in the office.

Some employees at Amazon are unhappy with the return-to-office rule. Staff have a history of telling Amazon about their concerns.

In February 2023, Amazon required its employees to be in the office for three days a week. This caused many workers at the company's Seattle headquarters to protest. They walked out of their offices. The workers also complained about job cuts. Amazon cut 27,000 jobs globally in early 2023.

Another complaint was about Amazon's contribution to climate change. The workers believe that asking people to commute to work will "accelerate the climate crisis".

Mr Jassy has created a "bureaucracy mailbox" for staff to make complaints about company rules.

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## Discussion

- 1) What do you think of working from home?
- 2) What are the good things about working in offices?
- 3) What do you know about Amazon?
- 4) What's the best number of days to work in a week?
- 5) Are you good at collaborating?
- 6) Are you good at teaching people things?
- 7) Is an office the best place to work?
- 8) What advice do you have for Amazon's workers?
- 9) What do you think about what you read?
- 10) What are the bad things about working in offices?
- 11) What do you think about Amazon?
- 12) Have you ever been unhappy at work?
- 13) What would you protest about?
- 14) How can companies change to help climate change?
- 15) How important is Amazon in your life?
- 16) What questions would you like to ask Amazon's boss?