

JS/08/08

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Dear Colleague

TEACHER WORKLOAD

In January the Joint Secretaries sent out guidance on working time arrangements and the development of collegiality (Ref JS/08/05). In that advice we intimated that we would be seeking information on how LNCTs are considering workload.

The SNCT is aware that a number of LNCTs have issued advice to assist schools, as part of discussions on working time agreements, to tackle workload issues. LNCTs will be reviewing returns from schools setting out Working Time Agreements for next session. There will be a monitoring of such agreements and an evaluation of the effectiveness of any advice.

The SNCT is seeking a response from each LNCT on;

- (i) any initiatives or advice taken at Council or establishment level to address workload;
- (ii) any evaluation of the effectiveness of workload initiatives/advice.

This response will be required by the **30 September 2008**.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Yours sincerely

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