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2 girls, 9 + 12 years old

Homeoffice & Homeschooling

01

Please describe your area of activity within the company in a few words. For which tasks are you responsible?

"Purchasing, maintenance and adding new products to the "business equipment" range (print and online)."

02

Please describe your current daily routine and how you find working from home.

"I usually start my working day between 7.00 and 7.30 a.m. During home schooling phases, I also like to start a little later, because then everything has calmed down a little.

I've usually completed the first team call with my supervisor by 9.00 a.m. and over the rest of the day, depending on requirements, there are consultations with colleagues from different areas (sales, marketing) on various topics. At the moment, we're making many phone calls to suppliers regarding developments on the commodity markets.

Most of my time between these appointments is taken up with filling in data sheets to create products, reviewing manufacturer documents, dealing with sales enquiries, etc.

During my lunch break, I get some fresh air for 20 minutes, regardless of the weather, or use the time to run some errands."

03

How do you feel about the home office? What advantages do you have from it? What do you miss?

"Working from home allows me to find a balance between my family and professional responsibilities. My home office allows me to concentrate better on my work, with fewer disruptions, than in the "open plan" office. However, I do miss sharing information on work issues and problems in discussions with colleagues when working at home. The people sitting next to you can also provide inspiration for your own work. Distraction on the one hand, and inspiration on the other, are two sides of the same coin. This means I'm looking forward to the time after the coronavirus and finding a balance between home office and office time.

Even though my children slowly need less direct supervision, it is great to experience more of the family's daily life than just the few hours in the evening.

On the other hand, the boundaries between "private" and "business" are getting blurred – which does not necessarily help to switch off after work. When the office and home are separate places, and most work is done in the office, it's much easier."

04

Your tips and tricks for remaining concentrated when working at home.

"I've decided that I need to be every bit as disciplined in my home office as I am in the office (the way I dress, the way I start work etc.), to just ignore my private phone, and to set rules for all family members (e.g. closing the door means do not disturb) – which, however, are not always consistently followed ;)."

05

Home office & home schooling – be honest: how's it working out? What are the specific daily challenges?

"My children are, at 9 and 12 years old, already relatively independent. Technical problems (getting connected to an online class or uploading homework) can usually be solved quickly. I schedule any online meetings by phone or video with outside parties as early as possible, and thereby try to ensure that it is quiet, which usually works. In the event of violations, corresponding penalties apply ;)."

06

To what extent does KAISER+KRAFT help you cope with this new working situation? What helps you to organise your work and daily life with your child/children?

"Mobile work does a lot to help reconcile family and work, because working hours (and, in many cases, the location) are not set in stone."

07

What is your mantra when things get too much for you?

"Give every day the chance to become the most beautiful day of your life" (as said Mark Twain)."