

# Reasons to try Supply Teaching

Supply teaching is the great way to balance time in the classroom with other commitments and pursuits.

There is flexibility and opportunity to experience a variety of schools, a chance to try new things and/or enhance your future career.

If you are looking readdress that work-life balance and spend more time with family and friends, then read on.

## Flexibility

Supply teachers can decide when they are available for work meaning that they can;

- \* Benefit from off peak travel prices and avoid crowded Destinations
- \* Have days off for personal reasons when they want them
- \* Take care of family members
- \* Work around other jobs for example actors tend to opt for supply to fill gaps.

## Autonomy

- \* You decide the type of work you would like to do e.g. ad hoc or long-term
- \* You can avoid Planning, target-setting, assessments, and meetings
- \* You can be free of staffroom politics

## Variety

- \* Work in lots of different types of schools
- \* Great way to get to know schools in your area
- \* Gain a wider range of experience

## Retirement

Keep your hand in teaching through supply work on your terms. You can do as little or as much work as you choose, and wherever you please.

## Relocation

- \* A chance to 'try before you buy' - make an informed choice about a permanent job
- \* Insight into community life, facilities, problems and advantages
- \* Great source of vital information about an area

## Return to teaching

- \* Thinking of making a return to the classroom?
- \* Gain up-to-date experience, are aware of current developments and initiatives to update and refresh your skills
- \* Make certain that returning to teaching is the right decision for you.

## Professional Development

- \* Talk to other teachers, see how they teach, plan and assess, and open your eyes to other ways of doing things.
- \* Earn as you learn
- \* If you are considering further education such as studying for an MA supply work can be an effective way to support your studies