**News release**

**THE WORKING WEEK IS GETTING SHORTER AT THE OWNER OF KELLOGG’S**

As the days get longer, Kellanova’s long standing Summer Hours scheme is returning – allowing employees to finish work from 12pm on Fridays.

Now in its 21st year, the scheme runs annually from May to September. It offers office-based and field sales colleagues the chance to finish work from midday on a Friday, provided they have completed a full week’s hours¹.

The owner of Kellogg’s and Pringles, currently employs over 500 employees at its office in MediaCityUK and has a further 60 employees in its field sales team, all of whom will be offered the opportunity to take half a day per week for themselves.

Recent research from the cereal and snacks giant revealed that 662 per cent of people would be willing to work harder during the rest of the week, if their employer gave them Friday afternoons off.

Summer Hours is aimed to support employees’ mental and physical wellbeing and is part of a myriad of benefits offered by the Manchester based employer.

Kellanova introduced a new co-parent policy earlier this year, offering 10 weeks of paid leave within the first year of the baby’s birth. This applies in scenarios where only one parent is currently entitled to take maternity leave.

The new policy followed on from the company’s decision last summer to remove the requirement for new recruits to have a degree in order to apply for a role, recognising that having a degree does not always reflect the contribution someone can make.

**Lejla Damon, Kellanova shopper marketing manager, said:** ‘’In my spare time, I’m training to become a yoga teacher and even run a monthly class for my colleagues in the office. In the five years I’ve worked at Kellanova, the Summer Hours programme has allowed me the time to take on extra courses as I work towards my qualification. This summer I’m looking forward to teaching a few additional classes with my Friday afternoons.’’

**Chris Silcock, managing director of Kellanova UK, said**: “Our Summer Hours programme has been running for more than two decades now but it’s still such a great benefit for our teams. I know how hard everyone works throughout the week, so to be able to give people half a day for themselves really helps them to recharge and improves productivity.’’

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**Notes to editors**

¹Employees must have completed their contractual hours across the week in order to benefit from the Summer Hours scheme. The Summer Hours scheme applies to Kellanova office-based and field sales employees only.

2 OnePoll research of 1,000 respondents for Kellanova, carried out from 1st to 2nd May 2024.