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Home is where the work is

MORE than half of employees have been working from home more often since the financial crisis began, according to new research from BT Business and Remote Employment.

The need to save money is the main reason for people to conduct their working day from the comfort of their living room, bedroom or shed.

The research, conducted by Remote Employment, reveals remote working is helping staff stay out of the red, with nearly two-thirds saying they are better off because they have the flexibility to work from home.

Almost half say they save up to £20 per day on travel by working from home, with many confirming additional savings from not having to buy lunch and refreshments.

Bill Murphy, managing director of BT Business, said: "Anything employers can do to help their staff save money in the current climate is not only great for morale but can also have a big impact on performance.

"We are seeing more and more businesses offering staff the opportunity to work remotely – and this flexible approach is proving to be a double win for employers and their employees."