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## JIM SMITH

*“Lazy teaching is all about working hard to make sure they do all the work”*

There are two things that will transform the nature of teaching and learning in this country – brave heads and lazy teachers.

So, when it comes to helping teachers to teach less (and the children learn more) there's one person who can really show schools how it's done. After all, Jim Smith is one of the laziest, offloadiest, most delegation-happy teachers we've ever met. He is the original Lazy Teacher.

And it's no coincidence that he's also one of the best classroom practitioners we know (something The National Teaching Awards agree with as well, awarding Jim a Distinction in the category of Secondary School Teacher of the year 2010).

Jim is passionate about ensuring learners get more from their education than the standard diet of classroom-based teacher-led learning. After all, how long can you lead from the front, if you are collapsed under the desk?

If you want your students to learn more and you to work less, then Jim's Lazy Way provides you with all the arguments and evidence you need to become a lazy, but outstanding teacher. Gathered over 10 years (and counting) in the classroom the Lazy Way is based on tried-and-tested techniques that shift the emphasis away from the teaching and onto the learning, help you hit your PLTS or skills based curriculum buttons and make your life so much easier in the

process. Fed up missing out on those sunny Sundays?

This powerful approach, which is a subtle but seismic shift from what already happens, is packed full of easy-to-apply and highly effective strategies (which Ofsted have rated as 'outstanding'). What's more, they all have the seal of approval of real students in real classrooms. In fact, many of them have been thought up by the students themselves, but that's why Jim Smith is called the Lazy Teacher.

Using the Lazy Way, Jim will help your classrooms to become places where children and students understand the nature of teaching and learning to become genuine independent thinkers and learners. All this and remember the teacher is doing less; meaning the next time someone says to you to get a life, Jim might just make it possible.

As Head of School and with successful exam classes each year, Jim has shown thousands of practitioners across the UK how this practical and down-to-earth approach to teaching and learning helps motivate and engage all students with great results all round.

He has also worked closely with Independent Thinking for several years on a variety of different projects, including the innovative Learning Bug software and leading on a major BSF Transformational Learning project in the South West.



*“It's true - your students can learn more when you teach less” - The Lazy Teacher's Handbook*

Feedback from recent Events include:

*“Thanks Jim and thanks again for such a fantastic day. I had a number of staff find me to say Thank you for getting the best CPD they'd ever had!”*

*“We had a brilliant day with Jim, what a lovely man, such an engaging presenter and he left everyone buzzing with ideas. I have had so many positive comments and e-mails that staff enjoyed the day so much and described him as inspirational. I am so pleased that we booked him, it was just what we needed to move our thinking and practice on”*

**Books written by Jim Smith:**

- *The Lazy Teacher's Handbook: How Your Students Learn More When You Teach Less - New Edition*
- *The Lazy Teacher's Handbook: How your students learn more when you teach less*
- *Whole school progress the LAZY way: Follow me, I'm right behind you*

Jim has been with Independent Thinking since 2008

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