

# "Muslim Mothers and Their Children's Schooling", bringing the voices of Muslim mothers into the discourse on parent-school relations



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"Muslim Mother's and Their Children's Schooling" brings the voices of Muslim mothers into the discourse on parent-school relations. What they say is essential reading for teachers, student teachers, sociology of education students, policymakers and those working with families.

Suma Din's study gives voice to over 50 women from a wide range of African, Arab and Asian backgrounds, all social classes, some of them immigrants but many of them born in the UK. They speak about the hijab, choice of schools, religious festivals, the curriculum, the Prevent strategy, sex and relationship education and much else. The book sheds light on their identities, experiences and challenges as they support their children through state schools in Britain.

In writing this book, Suma aims for the narratives to act as a springboard to further dialogue, which leads to improving participation and inclusion in a culturally sensitive way, rather than ticking boxes. Personal stories are powerful in building bridges between parents and schools; they demystify common assumptions and stereotypes. It is hoped professionals reading this book use the contents to challenge popular misconceptions.

Suma Din is a writer, researcher and educator who has worked with parents in the Adult Learning sector. She has over two decades' experience in the voluntary sector, supporting women and children's projects and interfaith work.

'Suma Din has penned an exceptional book that rightfully explores an important area of research and policy thinking. The findings of her study are of great importance, not just to policymakers but also Muslim communities in general. The voices of Muslim women in relation to their children's schooling are told in an articulate and insightful manner, all in a process to help improve understanding, trust and engagement. This book is highly recommended for teachers, parents, policymakers and researchers, all working away to understand the myriad issues facing mothers, children and the education system.'

— Professor Tahir Abbas, Senior Research Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute, London

For more information, the booksite is here: [www.muslimmothers.org](http://www.muslimmothers.org) and the Kindle edition can be found [here](#)

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