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Key emergent themes'Doesn't realise how powerful she is'; 'I should be able to get a C'; 'I'm white, my husband is Black'; 'What language do they speak in Jamaica?'; 'I'm doing this job with Black status'; Linkaid: facilitating and constraining factors; 'You sound just like my sister'; 'You have to remember that you are working for the school'; The role of the SLT and Heads of Year: 'A good thing'; 'You have been there for me, you were helping me because there was a need'; Implications for schools; Implications for home-school liaison support; Chapter 4 Actionaid: 'We need to know'

Actionaid: Community-based action research projectThe context and rationale of the project; The process of setting up the group; How the organisation was established; Key issues arising from the parents; 'You need to know'; 'Especially Black parents'; Supporting the need to know: education and school processes; Supporting the need to know: Black history and culture - 'They have to know about their roots'; Why especially Black parents: culturally specific support; Supporting the need to know: Black role models; Race: 'It's one of those issues' Supporting Black parents: 'We're sharing our perspective'"A helpful, kind and different environment'; 'I'm not saying all of them'; 'Our group'; The future of the organisation; Implications for schools; Implications for community-based organisations; Chapter 5 Mediaid: 'Let us talk'; Mediaid: Mediation; A brief history; A rationale; The nature of the support on offer to families; Pastoral support; Support to families: some cases; Duane's family; Teresa's family; Pablo and his son; 'Where do we turn?'; Parent-related aspects of Mediaid's work; Exclusions; Pastoral support: the parents' culture
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Sommario/riassunto

Drawing on her extensive teaching experience, Lorna Cork explores the day-to-day needs and expectations of black parents and their children in education. Exclusion rates of black children in the UK and around the world continue to rise, highlighting that something is very wrong with the way their teaching and learning is supported in today's schools. Focusing on contemporary situations and using real-life case studies, Cork emphasises the human consequences of the true issues behind the statistics. This topical text offers a detailed look at five key organisations that exist to support black parents. It examines their home-school interventions and discusses the central issues arising out of their efforts. The fascinating evidence offers fresh perspectives and provides much needed advice and guidance to all those seeking to improve co-operation between black families, schools and communities - all who share the goal of supporting the learning and attainment of the black child. Any education professional, student teacher, staff at an LEA, and anyone with a serious interest in race issues is sure to find this essential reading.
