

# Hate probe as former mayor calls headmistress who banned the hijab in primary school an 'evil racist'

*This is the former mayor of Muslim controlled Blackburn in Lancashire, not the Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales, whose opposition to the proposed megamosque also brought him criticism from the agents of islamisation. From the [hate campaign](#) that targeted primary school headmistress Neena Lall.*



As part of attempts to help children integrate into British society, she [Arif Qawi resigned](#). He has now accused the Government of leaving staff exposed to bullying from 'extremists' over the hijab ban.

Mr Qawi, 54, wrote to Education Secretary Damian Hinds: 'I am flabbergasted why you and the Department for Education have stayed silent on this subject, rather than firmly enforcing the head's decision. This lack of support, and weak attitude, will be very detrimental to the nation's children.' He added that staff felt 'badly let down' and agreed to resign 'against every fibre in my body... if that would lay the matter to rest'.

A school insider said the ban was brought in because the hijab was 'alienating' young girls. . . The Labour Party refused to comment. The DfE said it had contacted the school over staff intimidation.