

Dr Susanna Pinkus

EDUCATION SPECIALIST, CONSULTANT & WRITER

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Dr Susanna Pinkus, an educational specialist and writer, took her first degree in English Literature and Education at Homerton College, Cambridge. After several years teaching, and inspired by her experiences in the classroom, she returned to Cambridge to complete a Master's degree in Educational Research at Clare College where she subsequently completed her doctorate. Her doctoral work focused on the developing new frameworks for understanding relationships between parents and professionals in a special education context.

Upon completion of Susanna's academic studies, more passionate than ever about meeting the needs of young people and working with their families, she chose to return to work in schools. For the next decade, she took on a series of school roles. During this time, she continued to undertake supervision work at the Faculty of Education, Cambridge and qualified as an advanced skills teacher in special education providing outreach support to colleagues and schools. She also won 'Be the Commissioner' on Sky Teachers TV and worked as the supporting expert for the programme about the statutory assessment of children who have special needs.

As a consultant and specialist in her field, parents based in the UK and beyond seek Susanna's guidance on a range of education and school-related matters. These often, although not exclusively, have a special education focus. She very much adopts a gentle and collaborative approach to unravelling any presenting difficulties in order to establish a bespoke action plan or support programme. Where appropriate, she can bring on board, specialist colleagues from the fields of health and education to contribute to this process.

Susanna is also a regular contributor in the media, often providing an 'expert-eye' on a range of education and child-related topics. Her first book 'How to Create a Parent Friendly School' was published in 2008 and she is currently pondering ideas for her second. Alongside her portfolio of private work, Susanna works at one of the UK's leading independent schools as the Head of Special Educational Needs.

Outside of work, Susanna most enjoys relaxing with her own family and friends and dreaming up new ventures.