



Pledge: Boris Johnson

Boris: we need more black male teachers

● **BORIS JOHNSON** has pledged to encourage more black men into primary school teaching to help tackle gang violence. The Tory candidate for Mayor said having more male teachers would provide children with positive role models. He also wants City Hall to have more power over education policy.

Mr Johnson emerged from self-imposed "hibernation" to float ideas on crime, housing and transport, but he will not unveil his full manifesto until next year. He told a meeting of think tank the Stockholm Network last night: "An absolute priority of my mayoralty will be to raise educational achievement among

the deprived and particularly among ethnic minorities." Mr Johnson added: "You're not to underestimate the seriousness with which I'm approaching this task." He also called for a no-strike deal with the RMT, and said that new homes should be built to last 100 years.