

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The British Islamic Medical Association (BIMA) has consulted various experts in infectious diseases, the pharmaceutical industry, clinical medicine, commissioning, inequalities research, public health and bioethicists who have recommend the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine for those eligible in the Muslim community.

We want to reassure all parents that the Muslim community understands the importance of the vaccine and why we as a community not only need to protect ourselves but also everyone else.

Generally, Covid-19 has mild effects within the child population, but it may also make some children unwell. One dose of the vaccine will give good protection against severe illness, however, two doses gives stronger and long-lasting protection. Vaccinating children can also help stop the spread to other people, particularly within school.

We understand that parents/guardians may have concerns regarding the vaccination of young people, therefore we at UMO are here to help and answer these concerns. Ever since the outbreak of the virus, UMO has been working closely within the community, in particular the Muslim community to raise awareness about the vaccine and boost uptake. We encourage parents and guardians to read the information, use the link provided below and get in touch with any concerns or questions.

Get in contact:

119 free of charge. You can speak to a translator if you need to.

If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, or are a British Sign Language (BSL) user, you can use textphone 18001 119 or the [NHS 119 BSL interpreter service](#).

If you would like to speak to someone from the Muslim community send us an email:

info@umowalsall.org.uk

Further details can be found on:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/coronavirus-vaccine-for-children-aged-12-to-15/>

<https://britishima.org/pfizer-biontech-covid19-vaccine/>

<https://britishima.org/operation-vaccination/hub/covidmyths/urdu/>

