

Ringworm

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

A student in your child's classroom has been reported as having Ringworm. Ringworm is a contagious fungal infection which is common in children. Ringworm can be transmitted by direct contact with infected persons, animals, or objects of infected persons.

Ringworm of the Body: When the infection occurs on the skin of the body, the sores are generally rounded, scaly, and cause itching. Prescription-strength cream may be needed.

Ringworm of the Scalp: When the infection occurs on the scalp, the sores may have patches of dandruff-like scaling, redness, and loss of hair. <u>Oral prescription medication is necessary to clear the infection.</u>

Should any of the above symptoms appear, call and consult with your physician. In order to guard the health of your child and others, keep your child at home. Report the illness to the school.

Your child may return to school when your physician provides a written clearance which states your child has been treated for Ringworm and can return to school.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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