



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Ringworm has appeared in one of our homerooms in both Tipu and Mahuri learning spaces.



Ringworm is a contagious fungal infection caused by mould-like parasites that live on the cells in the outer layer of skin. Ringworm often spreads by direct, skin-to-skin contact with an infected person.

Symptoms may vary. Children may experience red, itchy, scaly or raised patches, patches that begin to blister or ooze, patches that may be redder on the outside or resemble a ring or patches with edges that are defined or raised.

A health care provider will prescribe antibiotic medication, and children should stay home for 24 hours after starting treatment. Ringworm is contagious as long as the rash is there, but children with this condition may return to school if the area can be covered.

Tips to avoid Ringworm include:

- \* Wash your hands after interacting with an animal
- \* Disinfect and clean pet living areas
- \* Avoid people or animals with Ringworm
- \* Shower and shampoo your hair regularly
- \* Avoid sharing personal items like hairbrushes or clothing
- \* Keep your feet clean and dry

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