



Date

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Your child _____ has a condition that appears to be:

_____ Ringworm of the body (Tinea Corporis).
Please check with your pharmacist to recommend a treatment (Ex. Lotrimin for 10 to 14 days). Many over-the-counter medications are available. Please follow directions carefully. Loosely cover any exposed treated ringworm while your child attends school. **If condition does not improve within two weeks medical attention is required.**

_____ Ringworm of the scalp (Tinea Capitis).
Medical attention is required. Your child may not return to school without a note from a physician and proof of treatment.

_____ Other type of ringworm.

**** UPON RETURN TO SCHOOL ****

A parent/legal guardian or a responsible adult **must** accompany your child to the school office and present proof of treatment (or a note from a physician, if required) so that your child may get a pass to return to class. **If no proof of treatment is shown, your child will be sent home.** Please do not send your child to school alone with proof of treatment.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Principal

School Nurse

All children are important to us.

TO: ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL

PROTOCOL FOR RINGWORM – TINEA

1. Any student found with a ringworm will be sent to the office. A ringworm letter will be sent home with the child at the end of the school day.
2. Upon return to school the student must go to the office with a parent/legal guardian or a responsible adult and show proof of treatment (or a note from a physician, if required). Do not allow any student to return to class without a pass from the secretary or principal.
3. According to Dr. Michael Cormier, a local dermatologist, ringworm of the body (tinea corporis) may be treated with medication such as Lotrimin for 10 to 14 days. If condition is not better after this time medical attention is required. Any exposed treated ringworm should be loosely covered with a bandage so air may reach it.

Ringworm of the scalp (tinea capitus) requires medical attention and treatment with an oral medication. In addition, the child may shampoo the hair with Selsun Blue to prevent the ringworm from spreading to other students. Four to eight weeks of treatment may be required before the ringworm is gone. No bandages are needed.

4. Please exclude the student from activities requiring physical contact with other students. **DO NOT ALLOW STUDENT TO USE ANY HEADPHONES. STRESS GOOD HAND WASHING WITH SOAP AND WATER FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

If further assistance is needed, please contact the Nursing Department at 217-4260.

Sincerely,

School Nurse