



Sequatchie Valley Planning & Development Agency
Sequatchie Valley Head Start

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

_____ A child in our program has ringworm.

_____ Your child may have ringworm.

Information about ringworm:

What is it? Ringworm is a rash caused by a fungus. On the body you may see red rings that are slightly raised, itchy and scaly. On the scalp you may see circles of hair loss. On the feet you may see cracking and peeling between the toes. Another kind of ringworm causes whitish patches on the face or body. All of these forms of ringworm spread easily. Ringworm is not dangerous and can be easily treated.

How do people catch ringworm? Touching the rash on another person or by touching the scales or broken hairs that have fallen off the rash spreads ringworm.

How is ringworm diagnosed? Your health care provider can usually identify ringworm by looking at the rash. Sometimes other tests are needed.

When can your child return to school? He or she can return to the program the same day treatment (usually an ointment, sometimes a medicine taken by mouth) is started.

Please take these precautions:

1. Check your child for ringworm, using the information given above.
2. Take your child to your health care provider if you think he or she has ringworm.
3. If your child does have ringworm, let the staff at the center know.