

**GREENWICH CENTRAL SCHOOL
HEALTH OFFICES**

RINGWORM

Ringworm of the body is a shallow fungal infection of the skin. Ringworm is generally but not always ring-shaped. The periphery is usually reddish, vesicular or pustule, and may be dry, scaly, moist or crusted. It is harbored on humans, animals and soil.

It is transmitted by direct or indirect contact with skin and lesions of infected people, animals and contaminated floors, toilets etc. The incubation period is four to ten days, and it is communicable as long as the lesions are present.

A physician should see children who are positive for Ringworm. Your child will be excluded from school until proof is provided that his/her physician has seen them and treatment has been initiated. Children may then return to school with the lesion covered.

To control the spread of Ringworm it is recommended to launder all clothing in hot soapy water, practice general cleanliness in the shower and bathroom with a disinfectant, and as always washing hands thoroughly.