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Subject: Notification about Ringworm

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Someone in our child care has **ringworm**. Ringworm is caused by a fungus. It very often affects the scalp, skin, nails, and hair. Fungal growth on the skin can produce distinctive rein-like patches with raised borders, thought by some to look like worms. There are no “worms” in ringworm infections.

Ringworm is spread by direct skin-to-skin contact with people or pets that are infected. It can also be spread by sharing hairbrushes, combs, hair clippers, and hats contaminated with the fungi.

If you think that your child has ringworm, please consult with your health care provider. Medicine is available by prescription to treat ringworm.

If your child develops ringworm, please notify us. The child can come to child care if treatment has been given. The affected area must be covered.

Encourage your child to wash his or her hands often. To limit the spread of the infection, do not allow the sharing of bedding, clothing, towels, or other personal articles.

Sincerely,



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