



**OUR LADY'S CONVENT  
HIGH SCHOOL**

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## **Parent/Carer Health Information: Ringworm**

There has been a case of ringworm within the school and your daughter may have been exposed.

### **What is ringworm?**

Ringworm is a common fungal infection that can cause a red or silvery ring-like rash on the skin. Ringworm commonly affects arms and legs, but it can appear almost anywhere on the body. Despite its name, ringworm doesn't have anything to do with worms. Other similar fungal infections can affect the scalp, feet, groin and nails.

**These fungal infections, medically known as "tinea", are not serious and are usually easily treated. However, they are contagious and easily spread.**

### **What should I do if I think my child has ringworm?**

You need to see your GP if you or your child have ringworm of the scalp. This type of ringworm is treated with antifungal tablets which are only available on prescription. Other types of ringworm are generally treated with antifungal cream from the pharmacy and you don't need to see a doctor unless the infection persists. However, some pharmacists may prefer children to see a GP to confirm a diagnosis.

### **Can my child stay in school?**

Yes. However, to prevent the spread of infection to others it is important that the affected child receives appropriate treatment.

Thank you for giving this your attention. Your GP will be able to answer any further questions that you might have about ringworm.

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