

St Margaret's C of E Primary School

Ringworm Policy

Agreed by Governors

School background information

Type of School: Primary, two – form entry, Member of Healthy Schools Scheme.

Number on roll 466 (as at December 2007, including Nursery)

Gender: Mixed

Ethnic Breakdown: Approximately 34% white, 48% African-Caribbean, 8% mixed background, 8% Asian and any other background.

Key Contacts

Ringworm Co-ordinator: Mrs R Ejvet

School First Aiders: Mrs V Thomas
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This Policy is incorporated into the school's Health & Safety Policy.

School Statement – The Governors at St Margaret’s intend, within this policy, to lay down clear guidelines as to the handling of Ringworm with in school.

The school aims to support pupils to:

1. Develop confidence and responsibility and to make the most of their abilities.
2. Prepare to play an active role as citizens.
3. Develop a healthy, Safer lifestyle.
4. Develop good relationships.

Guidelines

- 1) Ringworm is an infection of the skin caused by a fungus. There are varieties caught from animals, but is most often passed from one person to another. On the body it usually produces as a circular rash. The edge is the active growing area. Due to the age of the child and position of the infection it is sometimes very difficult to prevent children touching and spreading infection.

Do’s and Don’ts

Do - If Ringworm is suspected take your child the doctors immediately.

Do - Treat your child with the treatment from the doctor, not your own anti-fungal treatment.

Do - Keep you child off from school for 48 hours.

Do – Careful hygiene is needed, to prevent further spread when washing your hands and keep separate towels in all cases.

- 2) To follow St Margaret’s Church of England Primary as instructed by the Governing Body committee, a policy in order to restrain the infection.
An exclusion period of 48 hours from the start of treatment.

- 3) Parents also need to be reminded to continue with the treatment as advised even though the infection will show signs of improving.

Don'ts

Don't – Bring your child back to school until they have seen a doctor and have the correct treatment, following treatment the child must remain at home for 48 hours until it is confirmed that the correct treatment has been given.