



## Bass Hill Public School

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Bass Hill Public School has been advised that a member of the school community has recently contracted Ringworm.

Students and staff may have had contact with a person who was infectious with Ringworm.

Ringworm is the name for a tinea fungal infection when it occurs on the scalp or body. It is called 'athlete's foot' if it is between the toes or on the feet. Despite the name, no worms are involved. Fungal infections on most areas of skin appear as a flat, spreading, ring-shaped scaly patch. The outer edge is usually reddish. The area often contains fluid, including pus, but may be dry and scaly, or moist and crusted. The germ spreads by direct skin contact or by touching contaminated clothing or other articles, infected animals or contaminated soil. Children are infectious as long as the condition persists or until treatment has started. Good hand hygiene reduces the risk of spread. Should children be kept at home?

**Yes! Children should be kept at home until the day after anti-fungal treatment has started.**

**More information See website: [www.healthdirect.gov.au/ringworm](http://www.healthdirect.gov.au/ringworm)**

Kind Regards  
Amiee Jahshan  
Principal