

Ringworm

Flat, ring-shaped infection.

Ringworm on the scalp can cause round, painful red patches and make hair fall out.



What to do

- Check and clean skin everyday.
- See your doctor if the ringworm is on your child's scalp as this needs to be treated with medicine.
- For ringworm on other parts of the body a public health nurse, pharmacist or doctor can show you which cream to use to kill the infection.
- Go to the doctor if your child has a fever OR their skin becomes swollen, warm or is leaking fluid.
- Check other children for ringworm.
- Treat any animals or pets with ringworm.

How is ringworm spread?

Contact with infected skin, clothes, personal items or surfaces.

Time off from kura or school

Stop your child from doing things where their skin touches other children's skin such as wrestling and swimming, until the ringworm goes away.

What to do if ringworm gets worse

Go to the doctor if any of these things happen:

- the infection lasts more than 2 weeks
- the ringworm is on the scalp
- skin becomes red and swollen
- there is some pus in the infection
- your child has a fever

