**LETTER TO PARENTS AND STAFF**

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| **Concerning letters to parents and staff:**   * No letters should be sent if diagnosis has not been confirmed by a doctor. * No letters should be sent without prior consent of the CLSC nurse. |

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Daycare or school: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** ***Tinea corporis (body ringworm)***

Dear parents,

Dear staff members,

One or more cases of ***tinea corporis*** have been diagnosed at the daycare or school. The attached sheet provides information about this disease.

Anyone with the symptoms of this disease should see a doctor.

Bring this letter to your medical consultation as it can help the doctor decide on a course of action. Please advise the daycare or school if the diagnosis of *Tinea corporis* is confirmed.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Encl: Information sheet

***Tinea corporis (body ringworm)***

**Information and advice**

**Definition**

*Tinea corporis* is a fungus infection that affects the bare skin of the face, the trunk and the limbs, with the exception of the palms and soles.

**Symptoms**

Symptoms of *tinea corporis* include one or more red lesions, round in shape and well-defined. The edges of the lesions are raised and the center is lighter in colour. Itching frequently occurs.

**Transmission**

The disease is transmitted by direct contact with skin lesions and scaling of and infected person or infected animal (especially dogs, cats and farm animals).

**Prevention and treatment**

The disease is usually treated by applying an antifungal cream and on rare occasions, by an oral antifungal drug.

People with *tinea corporis* can continue to attend daycare or school. If possible, infected areas should be covered by wearing long sleeve tops, long pants and bandages.

No personal items (towels, clothing, etc.) are to be shared.

Examination of animals such as dogs, cats and farm animals by a veterinarian is also recommended and treatment prescribed when necessary.