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Dear SRES Families,

A student at Salt River Elementary School has a confirmed case of ringworm. We want to inform you about this condition and the related exclusion and return-to-care practices at our facility. Without violating the confidentiality of this child, the facts you need to know about your child's possible exposure in this situation are below.

**What is ringworm?** A mildly contagious fungal infection of the skin of the body, feet, or scalp. Ringworm of the scalp occurs most commonly in children between 3 and 9 years of age.

**What are the signs or symptoms?**

- Skin on the body or feet has red, circular patches with raised edges and central clearing and/or cracking and peeling of skin between toes.
- The scalp has patchy areas of dandruff-like scaling with or without hair loss and/or redness and scaling with broken hairs or patches of hair loss.

**How is it spread?** Contact with infected humans, animals (e.g. cats, dogs), or contaminated surfaces or objects, such as combs, brushes, towels, clothing, or bedding.

**How do you control it?**

- Early treatment of infected people.
- Examination of siblings and other household contacts.
- Not sharing ribbons, combs, or hairbrushes. Launder ribbons and dress-up clothes between users. Do not permit sharing of bike helmets without wiping the contact surfaces of the helmet between users with a cloth dampened with water. Do not use anything other than water to clean the surface of a helmet because some products contain chemicals that make the impact-absorbing materials and straps less safe.
- Covering skin lesions.

Should your child present any of these symptoms, we recommend you consult your family healthcare provider. Any student presenting these signs and symptoms will be excluded from school. Students must have a note from a healthcare provider stating they are under treatment and cleared to return to school. **Please provide a doctor's note of clearance to return to school.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Salt River Elementary Health Office at 480-362-2425 or the Health and Nutrition Coordinator at 480-362-2206.

Respectfully,

**Dr. Amanda Guerrero**  
**SRES Principal**



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