

'My baby is more important than having a flat tum'

CLAIRE SWEENEY OPENS UP TO CLOSER ABOUT HOW SHE AND BABY JAXON HAVE BEEN INSEPARABLE SINCE HIS BIRTH

She welcomed her "miracle" baby boy with partner Daniel Reilly last September, becoming a mum for the first time at the age of 43.

Now actress and Magic Radio presenter Claire Sweeney admits she uses Google to help with the things she finds challenging about raising eight-month-old Jaxon.

And as she prepares to take her son abroad for the first time on a relaxing break, Claire tells *Closer* about her worries ahead of the trip.

She says: "I'm heading on holiday to Spain this month. It'll be Jaxon's first time abroad so I'm nervous. I keep thinking: 'Are his ears going to be OK during take off?' and 'What am I allowed to take through security?' I've been Googling everything – like bottle allowances on board! I'm flying out there alone and meeting my parents, it'll be a relaxing trip away."

Claire reveals that despite her busy career and her recent, UK-wide stage tour for *Sex In Suburbia*, she and Jaxon are inseparable.

Claire says: "It was hard travelling around with Jaxon, but it was my job and I did it. I have a home in London and one in Liverpool, but wherever Jaxon and I are, we're together – he's my plus one everywhere. I haven't spent a night apart from him yet; I can't. He doesn't sleep in his own room yet.

"I'm still breastfeeding and he's eating puree, too. He can't get enough food, he loves it! I've always believed a family should eat together

and communicate. I love our time together.

"Motherhood is getting more interesting now that he's more able to communicate with me. He's getting a great little personality and he's entertaining, too! He's a bit cranky when he's tired but that's all – he's as good as gold otherwise."

And while Claire admits that her body has taken a back seat post-pregnancy, she reveals that her confidence is back – but nothing is more important to her than her son.

Claire says: "There's no rulebook, but I try to be the best mum I can be. My confidence is there and I'm very near to being back to where I want to be. And I'm not being hard on myself when I'm breastfeeding – my baby is more important than me having a flat stomach."

By Sarah Packer

● Claire Sweeney has teamed up with Table Table restaurants as part of their Family Tasting Teams campaign, which encourages families to spend more time together at mealtimes. Visit: www.tabletable.co.uk/families

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Claire just before her baby's birth in September