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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you probably know from our newsletters and from the media, we have been told that, from Sunday 5th July, people will be allowed to attend Mass again. So that will be our first Sunday back together since March. We are delighted by that news, and thank God for it!

For the time being, there will just be one Mass on Sundays, at 10.30 am, which is our usual time when we have a 'joint mass' of the two congregations. The Mass will finish at about 11.30 am.

We would be delighted to see all the children at Mass if, as parents, you are happy for them to attend. Please keep them seated with you, but of course, you should not bring them if anyone in the household has been suffering symptoms of the virus.

Only the door on Baldwin's Gardens, opposite the school, will be open for the time being. Do please read the notice that is in front of you as you come in, and use the hand gel (found where the holy water usually is on your left) on entering. And do please remember the current guidance on 'social distancing', which will have been reduced to one metre (3 feet) by then. It is okay for children to come on their own, but please ask them to use the hand gel, to obey the distancing rule, and to move seats if asked by the clergy or Mary.

Although we won't be able to go back to our usual 'JaM Sessions' yet, on Sundays up to the end of term Mary will lead a short teaching session during the Mass for children who would like to join in, either in the main hall of the centre or perhaps in the courtyard. The session will consist of a short talk, a time of prayer, and some games if time allows. We have done a full risk assessment, which you are welcome to see if you would like. We will be careful about contact and equipment, and we will not be allowed to do any singing to begin with. We will remind the children of the rules about hygiene which many of them will now be familiar with from school. We ask that, at the moment, children do not bring things from home like books or toys, but do please send them with a water bottle.

We hope that our normal JaM sessions will begin again in September but we will let you know nearer the time. Thank you for your continued support, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With our prayers and best wishes,
Mary Thorne and Fr Christopher Smith.