

Kent Early Years and Childcare
Provider Association
Virtual Meeting 15 March 2021

The Kent Childcare Market January 2021 to date

7 January 2021



Groups	611
Childminders	640
Out of School	54



Groups	47
Childminders	340
Out of School	59



Totals:	
Group Settings	658
Childminders	980
Out of School	113

11 February 2021



Groups	589
Childminders	670
Out of School	23



Groups	69
Childminders	324
Out of School	90



Totals:	
Group Settings	658
Childminders	994
Out of School	113

11 March 2021



Groups	655
Childminders	670
Out of School	56



Groups	2
Childminders	325
Out of School	57



Totals:	
Group Settings	657
Childminders	995
Out of School	113

Audit Figure of Children on Roll

32,329

Children in attendance across all provider types - 7 January 2021

All
Children
13,899

Vulnerable
Children
646

Children in attendance across all provider types -11 February 2021

All
Children
13,172

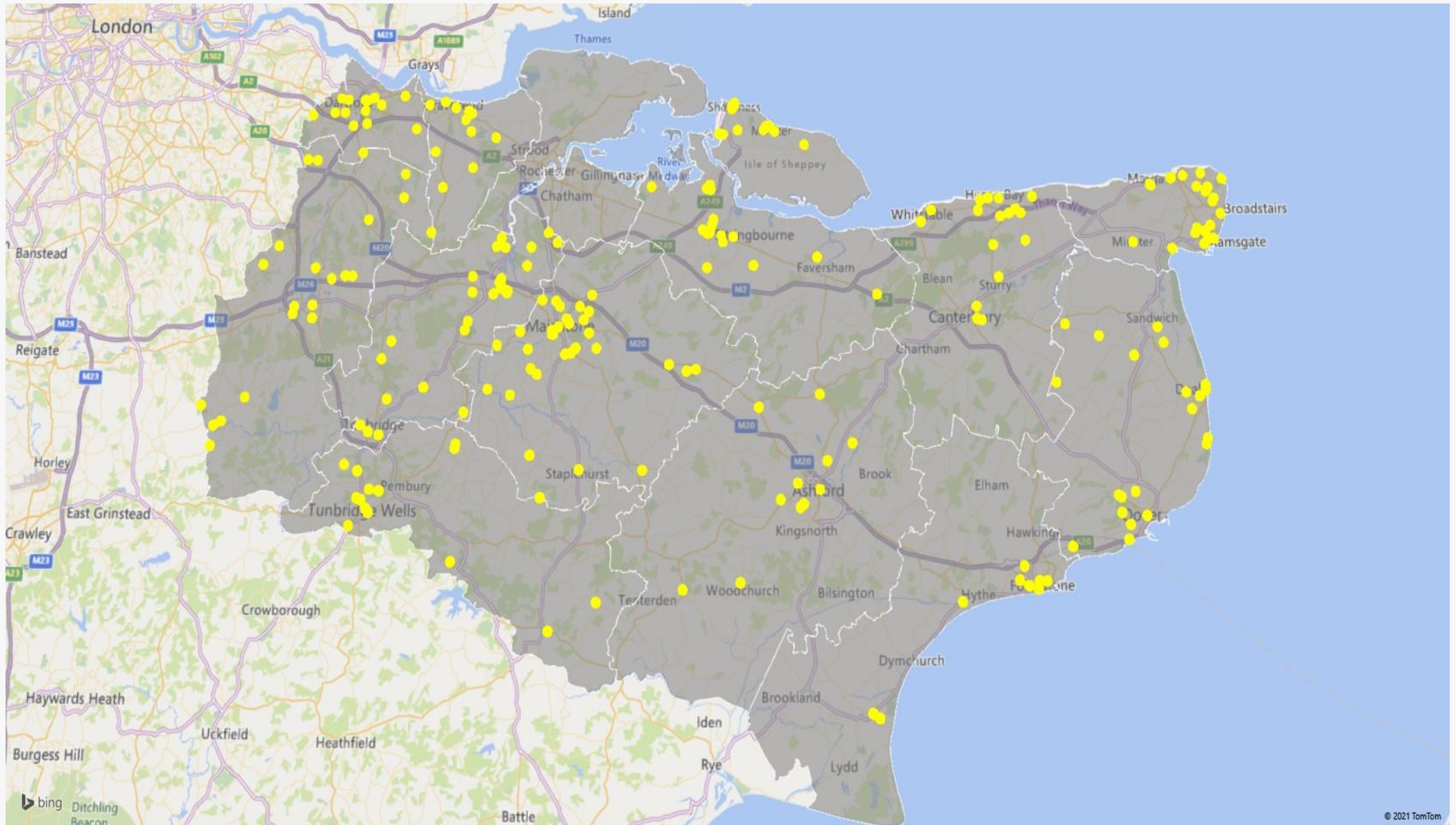
Vulnerable
Children
546

Children in attendance across all provider types - 11 March 2021

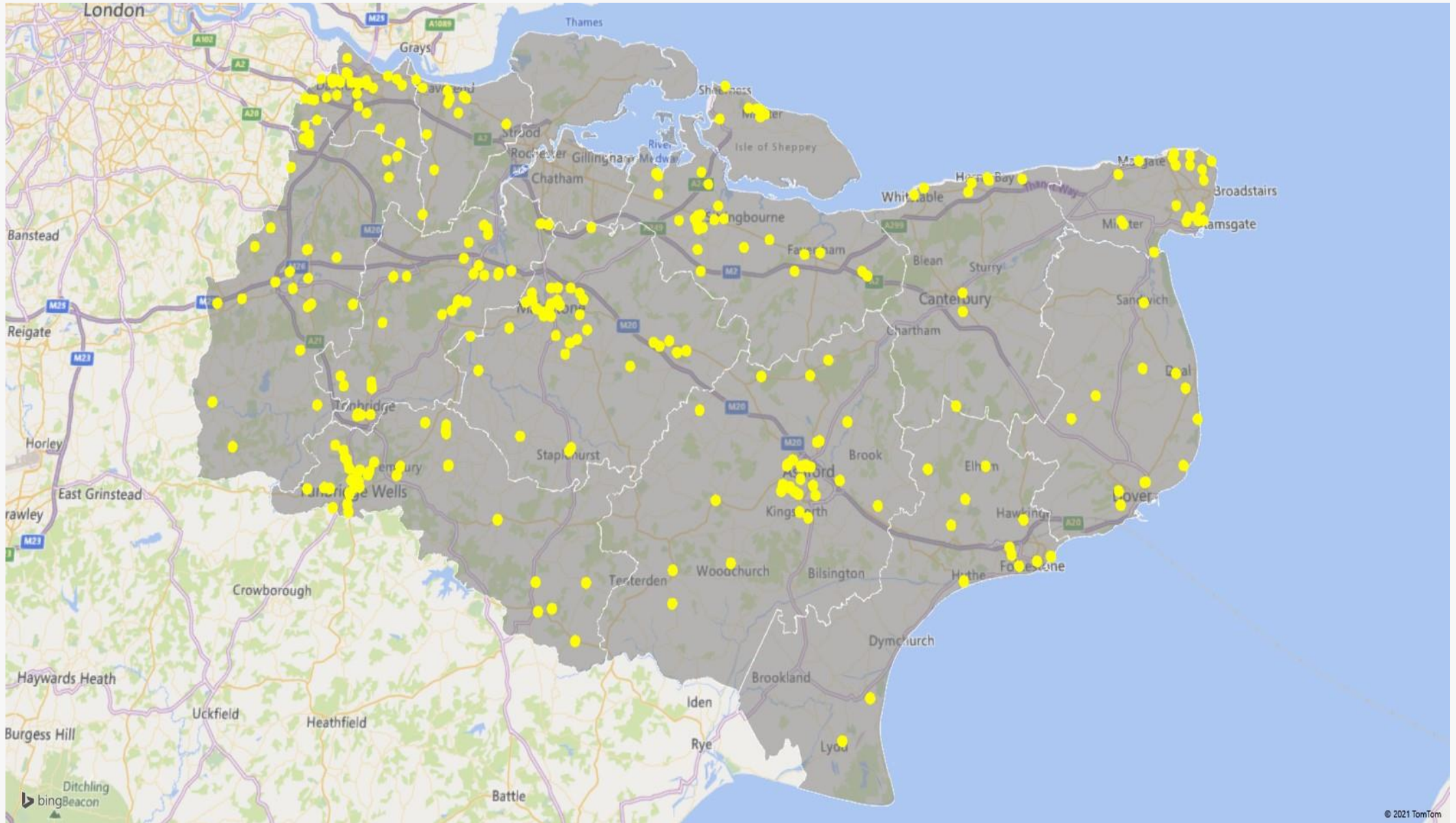
All
Children
20,000

Vulnerable
Children
695

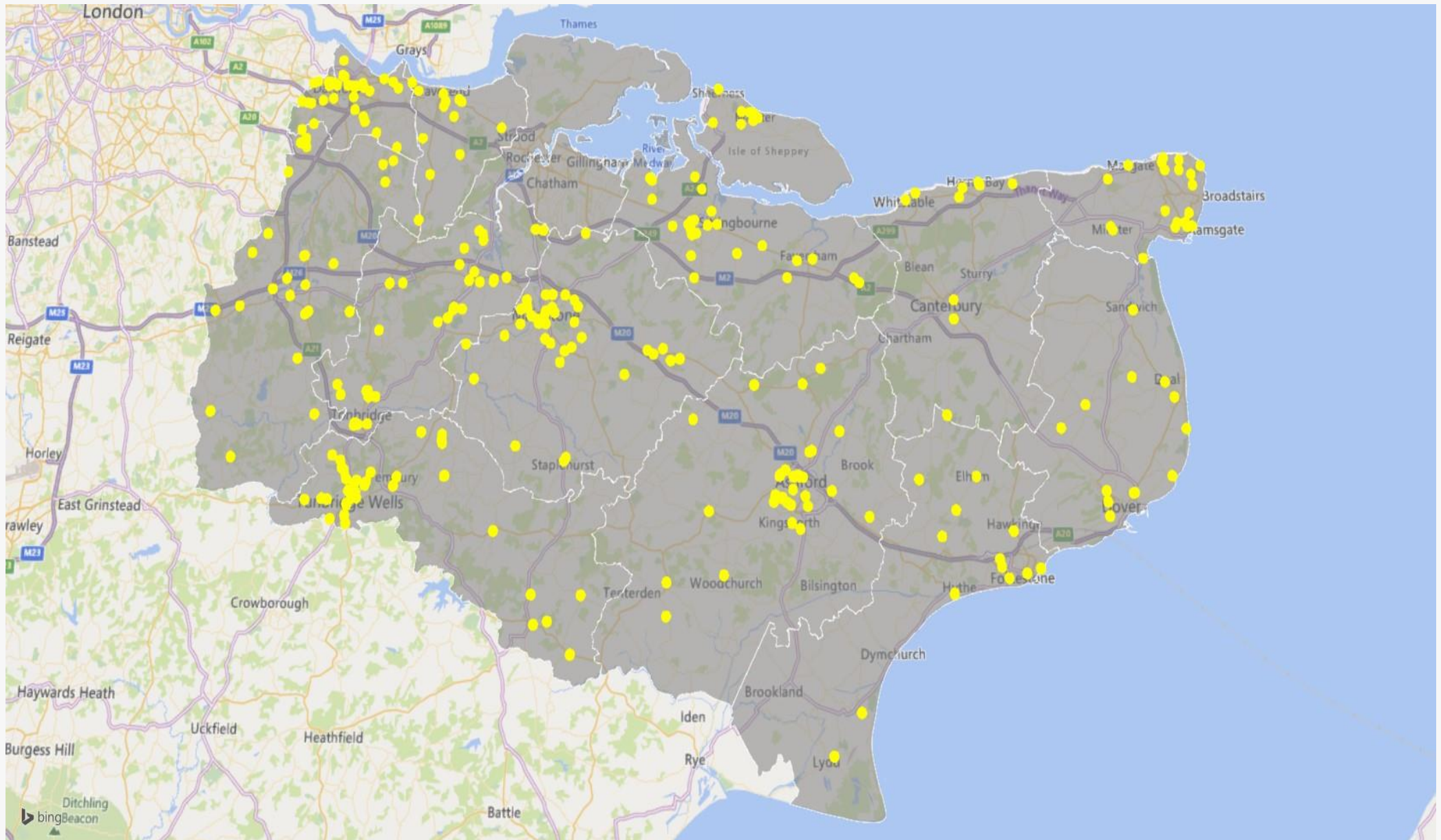
Map of all Cases October 2020 to December 2020



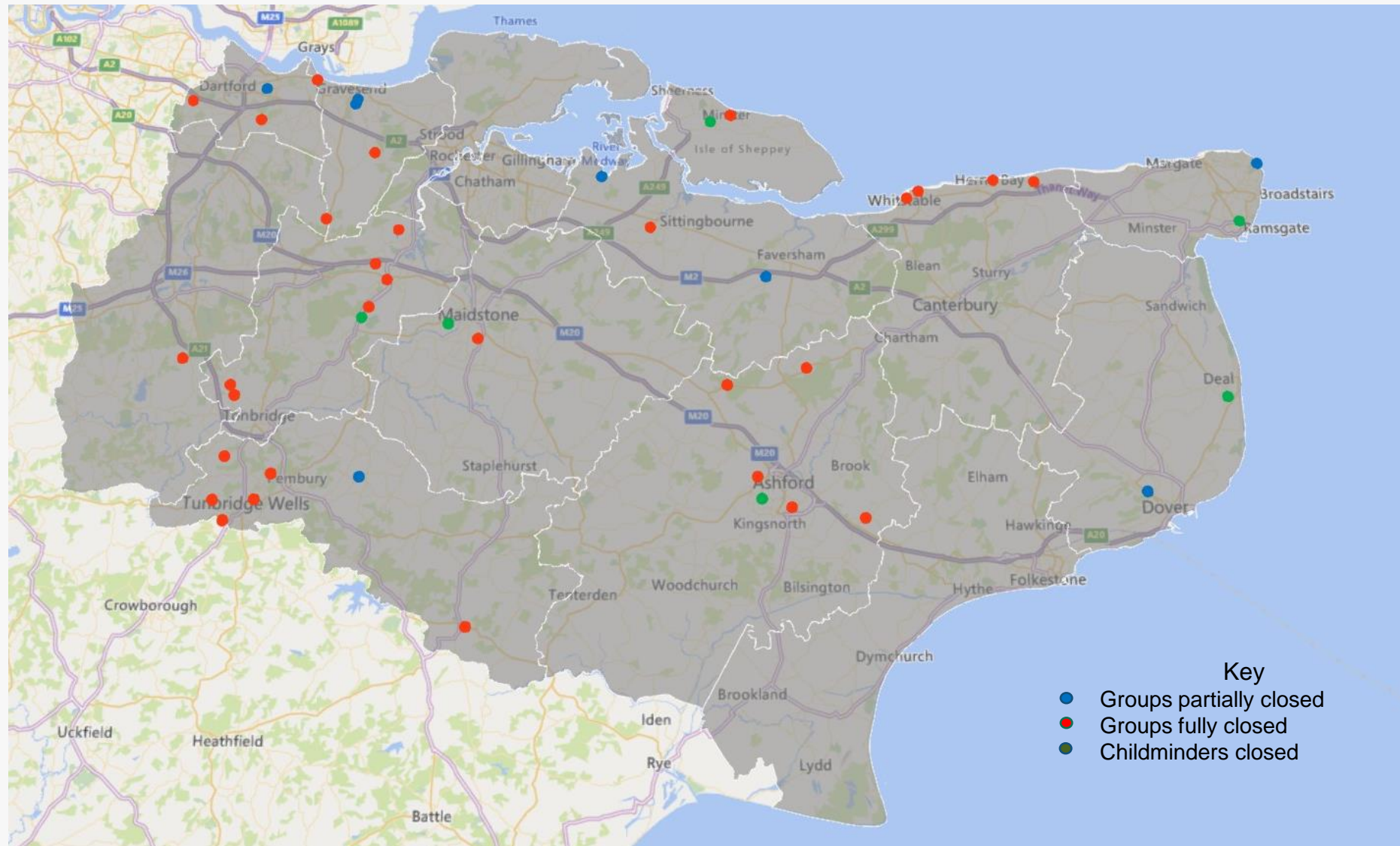
Map of all Cases January 2021 to February 2021



Map of all Cases up to 15 March



Map of closed/partially closed settings on 15 March 2021



Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme



Context

- 2018 saw the introduction of the original HAF programme.
- 2019 and 2020 saw further roll out of the programme, built on the learning from the 2018 cohort.
- In November 2020, the Government announced that the programme will be expanded to reach all local authority areas over the Easter, summer and Christmas holidays in 2021 with investment of up to £220 million being delivered through grants to local authorities.
- The Education People is commissioned to deliver this programme on behalf of Kent County Council

Aims of the HAF Programme

The aim of the HAF Programme is to make free places available to children aged 5-16 eligible for free school meals for the equivalent of at least 4 hours a day, 4 days a week, 6 weeks a year. As a result of the Programme offer, we want children who attend this provision to:

- eat more healthily
- be more active
- take part in engaging and enriching activities which support the development of resilience, character, and wellbeing along with their wider educational attainment
- be safe and not to be socially isolated
- have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition
- be more engaged with school and other local services.

Strategic Steering Group

Name	Job Title	Organisation
Alex Gamby (Chair)	Head of Early Years and Childcare	The Education People
David Adams	Reconnect Programme Director	Kent County Council
Sandi Mortimer	Improvement and Standards Manager	The Education People
Christina Howse	HAFP Coordinator	The Education People
Lisa Evans	Chair	Kent Early Years and Childcare Provider Association
Jennie Cattell	Vice Chair	Kent Early Years and Childcare Provider Association
Wendy Jefferys	Acting Consultant in Public Health	Kent County Council

Strategic Steering Group

Name	Job Title	Organisation
Rob Jobe	Service Manager (North)	EH&PS Kent County Council
Louise Fisher	Assistant Director South Kent	EH&PS Kent County Council
Alan Collado	Strategic Development Manager	Integrated Children's Services Kent County Council
Natalie Smith	Director of Grants and Impact	Kent Community Foundation
Lesley Andrews MRSPH	Manager	Friends of Holcot
Virginia Best	Chair	Edenbridge Holiday Activity Scheme
Ashley Crittenden	Headteacher (KAH rep)	Westborough Primary

HAP Programme Team

- Led by Christina Howse (Senior Improvement Adviser) as the HAFP Coordinator 1 FTE
- 2 x HAFP Advisers (Rachel Cotter and Anne Loat) 0.6 FTE each
- 1 x HAFP Administrator 0.6 FTE (vacancy)
- 1 x HAFP Contracts and Finance Officer 1 FTE (vacancy)
- 1 x HAFP Childcare Sufficiency Officer 0.6 FTE (vacancy)



Mapping

- There are approximately 39,000 children aged 5-16 who are eligible for free school meals in Kent
- We know that our current holiday play scheme provision is not able to cater for such numbers
- We hope to be able to increase provision in time for the summer and Christmas holiday period but will need to take a different approach for Easter

Expression of Interest

Easter – Expression of Interest shared with schools, childminders, early years settings, out of school clubs and holiday play schemes to gauge whether providers intend to open at Easter and if not, whether they might be interested to operate for a week during the Easter holiday period as a delivery partner.

Partner Organisations

- Community organisations in localities being approached to deliver the healthy, nutritious food element
- Disabled Children's Services
- Borough Councils
- Kent Sport

COVID-19 Restrictions

- Limit to the face to face delivery options due to the current lockdown
- Requirement for us and any delivery partners to provide virtual training/support rather than face to face
- From 8 March wraparound provision to resume where children are able to attend school

Reconnect: Kent Children and Young people

David Adams
Reconnect Programme Director

Children, Young People and Education

Aims of the Programme

The Programme will be shaped with children and young people and seek to cover all aspects of their lives and seek to reconnect to:

- Health and happiness
- Learning missed
- Friends, family and community
- Sports, activities and the outdoors
- Economic wellbeing

Reach of the Programme

- Additionality – not about meeting increased demand for core services
- Using grants and one off funding until Sept 2022 (i.e. across two financial years).
- Universal – all children and young people have missed opportunities
- Activity and support which meets:
 - the differing needs of children and young people aged from 2 to 19/24 years
 - all five aims
 - tiered levels of need - universal, targeted and specialist

Aspiration

- To create:
 - a range of positive, engaging and exciting opportunities which help C&YP reconnect with education, healthy activity, friends and family members and future opportunities
 - a brand which the whole Kent community can get behind and want to be associated with
 - A focus on the future, not the losses
- To involve all parts of KCC, district and parish councils, schools and settings, sports and leisure clubs, community groups, charities, businesses, Police, Fire and Health service, the Kent Resilience Forum, and individuals in delivering opportunities – directly or in kind
- To lever in resources and contributions – volunteers, cash, support in kind, recycled computers, job mentors, access to facilities, etc – to exponentially scale up the Programme
- To connect different, diverse opportunities and funding sources to add value to each
- To make KCC's contribution (staff time and cash) add maximum value to the contribution of others

Funding

- There are known funding streams to support children and young people to reconnect:

Scheme	Funding	
	Nationally	Locally
	£m	£m
Holiday Activities and Food Programme	220	5.2
Digital Access (children)		0.1
Financial hardship fund		4.0
Kickstart		1.3
Catch-up Premium	650	15.4
National Tuition Programme	550	
Secondary Summer Schools	200	4.7
Recovery Premium	302	7.1

- The unknown is what KCC can contribute. What is clear, the reconnecting of children and young people is a national priority. It will be for much of our community. We will be expected to live up to our commitment that Kent *“is the best place for children and young people to grow up safely, learn, develop and achieve.”*

Free for Two Take Up Project

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- Kent is one of 20 local authorities chosen to receive support from the DfE (through Hemsall's) to increase take-up.
- A small working group including the Early Years & Childcare Service, and KCC's Management Information, Early Help and Preventative Services and Health have been reviewing our current position.
- Areas under review have been leadership and management, provider capacity and capability, clear messaging, reaching and engaging and data and processes.
- Our review indicates we are already undertaking most of the good practice recommended by Hemsall's.
- By end March we will have an action plan to increase take-up moving forward which is likely to include more robust data analysis, a deeper review of districts where take up is lowest (Dartford, Gravesham and Sevenoaks), as well as surveys to providers and families.

Next meeting
21 June – 16:00 –18:00pm