# **GEMS: Gwent Education Multilingual Service**

Blaenau Gwent have a Service Level Agreement with GEMS to raise the achievement and attainment of multilingual children and young people in statutory education through building capacity across the settings.

GEMS can provide home language support if there are staff available who speak the requisite languages. Home language support may only be available for a limited time and is subject to availability.

* GEMS can advise teaching staff on strategies, resources, assessment, and general good practice for learners.
* GEMS can provide free training on a variety of issues concerning multilingual learners.
* GEMS can provide a resource lending service to all schools.
* GEMS will advise on school policies and action plans related to the needs of pupils who are multilingual, including new arrivals.

GEMS can work in partnership with designated staff to ensure that the needs of multilingual learners are met.

* **Referral Route**

Requests for involvement to the service are made by schools.