

EOTAS (Education Other Than at School) framework summary

In the period following the last scrutiny meeting in 2017, a new service has been established to facilitate packages of vocational and academic support to pupils at risk of exclusion.

The new project commenced in September 2018 and is placed as part of the Pupil Referral Service (PRS) in Pen-y-Cae under the leadership of Head Teacher Mr Darren Lee.

The project has been organised on the basis of a Referral Panel Model. The panel is populated by a range of education and other professionals and meets once per half term. Schools are required to gather their evidence and to present the details to the panel so that the nature of the request is clear. The panel will write to the school with the outcome.

If the threshold is met, the panel can recommend that a child is placed as part of the EOTAS project and that the pupil is removed from the school register and placed within the PRS.

The current project offers 12 places that supplement the 24 places already offered by the PRS service.

Pupils that are placed within the EOTAS Project will receive an offer that includes a range of vocational opportunities as well as access to core subjects such as English and Maths.

The vocational opportunities are based on collaboration with a number of local EOTAS providers such as Groundworks and The Warehouse Project to name but two. These providers have been documented in a portfolio and parents are required to give their consent before any referral will be considered by the Referral Panel.