

## **[Attendance Monitoring]**

Attendance monitoring is a very important regulatory compliance issue for all students. For the under 18 cohort, it is critical. Appropriate action should be taken within 60 minutes (not 3 days) if a student does not arrive or is absent from class. Some Centres employ a buddy or mentor system. Buddying up students of a similar age, living in the same area or homestay can be an effective risk mitigation strategy. It helps teachers and administration staff keep tabs on the whereabouts of young students, fostering friendships amongst these learners along the way. We must remember however, that this is not a fail-safe strategy, and additional structures and contingency planning should be considered.