# Playbook: Setting Up a Hostinger Website with AI Website Builder for School Projects

# **Step 1: Register and Purchase Hosting**

# 1. Go to Hostinger.com

Visit Hostinger's website.

# 2. Select a Hosting Plan

- o Choose the desired hosting plan (e.g., Web Hosting, WordPress Hosting, Cloud Hosting).
- o Click Add to Cart on your preferred plan.

#### 3. Brainstorm Domain Names

- o Visit websites like <u>LeanDomainSearch</u>, <u>NameMesh</u>, or <u>Panabee</u> to generate ideas for your domain name.
- o Use keywords related to your content, industry, or project theme.

# 4. Check Domain Availability

- Once you have a few ideas, visit Hostinger's Domain Checker to check if your chosen domain name is available.
- Enter the domain names you brainstormed to see if they are already taken or free for registration.

#### 5. Choose a Domain Name

o After finding an available domain, select it and proceed to the checkout process.

# 6. See a School Leader for Approval

Before completing any purchase, consult with a school leader. They will handle
the payment process and ensure that students do not need to spend any money
themselves.

## 7. Complete Purchase

- o Once the school leader approves the domain and hosting, they will complete the purchase.
- o After the purchase, you will receive a confirmation email with login details.

# **Step 2: Access Hostinger's Control Panel (hPanel)**

# 1. Login to Hostinger Account

o Use the email and password from your confirmation email to log in.

#### 2. Access hPanel

- o From the dashboard, navigate to **hPanel** (Hostinger's control panel).
- o Familiarize yourself with hPanel options like **Domains**, **Website**, and **Emails**.

# Step 3: Set Up Individual Logins for Students

#### 1. Create Separate Accounts

 Ensure that each student involved in the project has their own login. This can be done through Hostinger by setting up separate accounts or assigning roles in the AI Website Builder.

# 2. Assign Roles and Permissions

- Depending on each student's role in the project, assign appropriate permissions.
   For example:
  - Admin: Can access all settings, make design changes, and manage content.
  - Editor: Can create and modify content but cannot change website settings.
- o This helps manage who can make major changes to the site, ensuring accountability and organization.

# **Step 4: Set Up Your Domain**

# 1. Navigate to the Domain Section

o In hPanel, click on **Domains** from the main dashboard.

# 2. Assign Domain to Hosting

- o If you purchased your domain via Hostinger, it will be automatically connected to your hosting.
- o If you purchased it elsewhere, you may need to point your domain's DNS to Hostinger's nameservers.

# **Step 5: Use the AI Website Builder**

# 1. Open the Website Builder

o In hPanel, click on Website > Website Builder.

#### 2. Launch AI Website Builder

o Click on Create Website and choose the AI Website Builder option.

# 3. Input Website Preferences

- o Provide basic details about your website (industry, purpose).
- o Select the template or layout that aligns with your vision.

#### 4. Customize with AI

- o The AI Website Builder will generate content for you based on your preferences.
- o Review and make edits to the layout, images, and text.

## 5. Edit Content and Pages

- o Use the drag-and-drop editor to move elements around.
- o Add new pages, forms, or media as needed.

# Step 6: Add a Blog Feed

# 1. Create a Blog Page

- o In the AI Website Builder, create a new page for the blog.
- o Name it something like "Blog" or "News."

# 2. Add a Blog Section

- o Use the drag-and-drop editor to insert a **Blog Feed** or **Post Feed** section.
- This will automatically pull in all blog posts and display them in a list format, with the most recent post at the top.

# 3. Customize Blog Feed

o Adjust the layout and appearance of the blog feed to match your website's style.

• You can choose the number of posts to display per page, add thumbnail images, and include author names or dates.

# 4. Set Blog Feed as Menu Item

o Go to the navigation menu settings and add the newly created blog page to the menu, so it's easily accessible.

# **Step 7: Optimize for SEO and Mobile**

# 1. Optimize Website for SEO

- o Navigate to **SEO Tools** in the AI Builder.
- o Add meta tags (title, description) to each page.
- o Ensure you use keywords relevant to your content.

# 2. Check Mobile Responsiveness

- o Use the **Preview Mode** to see how your site looks on mobile.
- o Adjust layouts and text to ensure it's mobile-friendly.

# **Step 8: Publish Your Website**

#### 1. Preview the Website

o Before publishing, click **Preview** to see how your website looks.

#### 2. Publish the Website

- o When you're satisfied, click **Publish**.
- o Your site is now live on the domain you registered.

# **Step 9: Post Your Blog**

#### 1. Create a New Blog Post

- o Go to your blog page and click Add Post or Create Post.
- o Write your content, insert images, and format the post.

#### 2. Publish the Post

- o After reviewing your content, click **Publish** to make the post live.
- o The post will appear on the blog feed page.

# **Step 10: Monitor and Update**

#### 1. Access Analytics

o After publishing, access the **Analytics** section to monitor traffic and performance.

#### 2. Update Regularly

 Return to the AI Builder to make content updates, add new blog posts, or refresh images as needed.

**Reminder:** If additional purchases or upgrades are needed during the process, **always see a school leader for approval** before moving forward. Ensure that each student involved has their own login to maintain accountability, collaboration, permissions management, and security.