FOR YOUR IT TEAM

IT one-sheet: network requirements.

Everything needed to run the simulation on a school network.

1 · DOMAINS TO WHITELIST

Allow these domains through the school's web filter and firewall. All traffic is HTTPS.

`thebusiness.school`	Website & teacher resources
`play.thebusiness.school`	The simulation itself, students & teachers
`*.thebusiness.school`	Simplest rule if wildcards are supported

`fonts.googleapis.com` · `fonts.gstatic.com`

Web fonts, loaded by the simulation's stylesheet

2 · CONNECTIONS & BANDWIDTH

HTTPS, port 443 only

Standard secure web traffic. No custom ports, no VPN, nothing to install.

Live updates

Live gameplay uses ordinary HTTPS requests to the same domains, about once a second per device during play. There are no WebSocket connections. If the game stalls behind a proxy, check that play.thebusiness.school is allowed.

Light bandwidth

Text and small data updates, no video streaming. A full class of 40 runs comfortably on ordinary school Wi-Fi.

Data stored in the EU

Session data is held server-side in an EU database in Frankfurt. No peer-to-peer connections between student devices.

3 · DEVICES

Students need a laptop, desktop, Chromebook or iPad: Windows, Mac, ChromeOS or iPad (held sideways). Phones are too small and cannot join the live lesson. No installation, no browser extensions, no admin rights. Recent versions of Chrome, Edge, Safari and Firefox are all supported.

4 · ACCOUNTS & DATA

A student joins with a 6-digit PIN and a first name or nickname. We process that name, the decisions they make in the game and their answers to the final questions and topic tasks. In the connected version of Founder's Hour a student is identified by their first name and last initial instead of a nickname. Only the teacher has a login. There is no AI in the game, and nothing a student does is sent to an AI service. The class report and student reports are deleted after 30 days, and the teacher can delete them sooner. A live session's working data is removed when the session expires. The school is the data controller and TBS Education Ltd Oy is the data processor. TBS Education Ltd Oy is ICO registered, registration ZC133810, verifiable at ico.org.uk.

Full details on the **data protection** and **trust & safety** pages.

5 · SUB-PROCESSORS

These sub-processors are involved in running a session. Your students' devices only ever connect to the domains listed in section 1; the rest is server to server.

Netlify	Hosting and functions, global edge network, primary EU edge nodes
Neon	Database, EU, Frankfurt
Google Fonts	Page fonts, fetched by the browser

Schools are told at least 30 days before a sub-processor is added or replaced, and may object.

Something blocked on your network?

Tell us what your filter reports and we'll help you get running, usually it's just a domain missing from the allow list.

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