

Centrally configuring the NetSupport School Student extension for Google Chrome Connectivity Options

One of the benefits of using Google Chrome devices is that they can be centrally managed through the web. Unfortunately, the Google management console does not currently provide the ability for an Administrator to centrally configure deployed Google Apps or Extensions.

In order for the NetSupport School Student extension for Google Chrome to work, it must be configured with a valid Name & Connectivity Server IP address and Port Number.

To allow the Administrator to configure these settings without having to manually enter them on each Chrome device, the NetSupport School Student extension for Google Chrome will read web pages that are opened on the device. If it finds the following HTML Meta Tag within a page, it will use the information to set the Name & Connectivity Server IP address and Port Number.

Optional – You can also set the location (classroom) of the device, or, if the computers are mobile, offer a list of rooms.

Example:

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<meta name="nslsettings" content="IPADDRESS:PORT/ ROOM">
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Where *IPADDRESS:PORT* is replaced with the IP address and port number of the NetSupport Name & Connectivity Server and Room is a single classroom name or list of classrooms.

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<meta name="nslsettings" content="10.0.0.25:443/Science,Maths,ICT">
```

Our suggestion is that you add the above to the home page configured in the Google Chrome management console – therefore ensuring that it will be launched and read by the NetSupport School Student extension for Google Chrome.

If your home page does not easily allow you to add information you could set a secondary home page and add the parameter *rel="close"* which will close the secondary page as soon as the settings have been read.

Example:

```
<meta name="nslsettings" rel="close" content="IPADDRESS:PORT" />
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Note: Once all Student Chromebooks have connected to the NetSupport Name & Connectivity Server and therefore read the settings from the HTML Meta Tag, the setting/secondary home page can be removed until a change is required.

The URL must be served from a Webserver – e.g. IIS or Apache not from a File URL.