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old becomes new

the task comprised restructuring and extending the old school for forest wardens from the 1970s in order to create a contemporary educational institution. the old residential wing was demolished because of the building's structure and its low ceiling height. the concrete rubble was used as subgrade for the new building. the classroom wing and the gym hall could be preserved and were expanded by another set of classrooms and a large gym hall. the four building parts are grouped equitably around the new one-storey centre of the school.

due to their armoured concrete skeleton structure the old building parts turned out to be very flexible and adaptable; these qualities were therefore adopted in the new building parts. all dividing walls between classes were erected in lightweight construction and installation-free. the ribbon windows provide consistent lighting and facilitate later adaptation of room sizes.

with regard to detail construction, interior fittings and façades, old and new building parts were treated alike. the four building parts are lined with fibre cement tiles in different shades of grey. the entire ensemble forms a new school that presents a very calm and unexcited aspect to the outside.

