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Schools of Tomorrow - Merksem

Project Details

Activities
Buildings
Education
Integral projects
Design & Build

Contractors
Willemen Bouw

location
Terlindenhofstraat 206-220
2170 Merksem Belgium
Antwerpen BE

Client
Scholen van Morgen

Price
€3.100.000

Architects
Geurst & Schulze Architecten

Temporary partnership
Willemen General Contractor, Cordeel

Surface area above ground
1 900m²

Construction period
1 year 4 months

Start work
10-2015

End of work
02-2017



A new building was constructed for Vrije Basisschool Virgo Maria for the kindergarten and the first year of primary school. Taking into account the strict planning requirements (part of the site is designated as a green zone and therefore could not be built on), the specific characteristics of the site (elongated, with subterranean masses) and the school's desire for a compact building, the new building was constructed on the site of the existing building. A multifunctional hall is located in the centre of the building and forms the heart of the school around which the different clusters are arranged. The clusters are always formed by the two or three classes of this age group and have a common corridor which can be used as a learning area. In addition, the building contains a dormitory, a management area, care rooms and a teachers' room. On the north side, the new building is one storey; on the south side, it is two storeys high. The roof slopes from south to north, giving the classrooms a variable height. On the north side of the building there are private gardens near the kindergarten classrooms, and on the south side a large green area has been created as a playground.

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