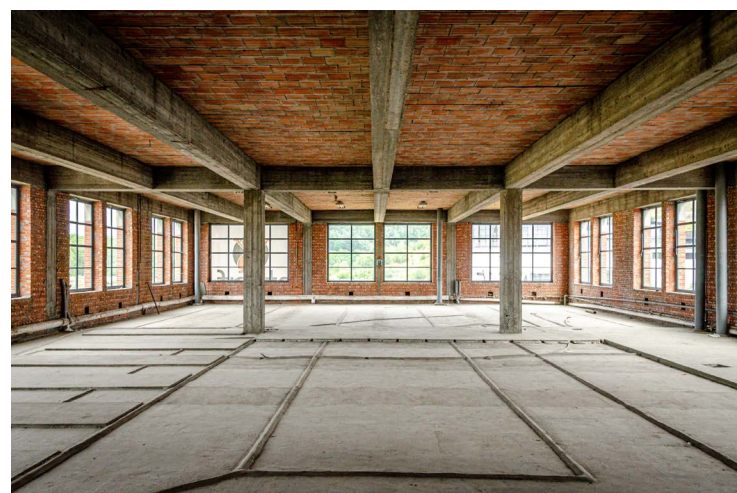
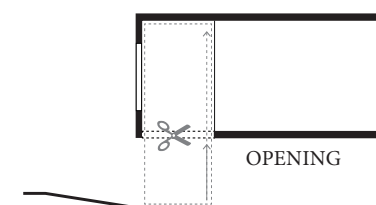


Longitudinal section



Generous new staircase as entrance to primary school



Previous state interior



The school itself consists of a large corridor connecting all classrooms. The building offers ample space to make this corridor a flexible and useable space. From the classrooms, the learning activities can be extended in this corridor. It is organized with playful and flexible school furniture. In one of the corner wings, the staff room is situated on the second floor, overlooking the site 270°. The staff room is an open space, in which modular furniture is placed. It can be appropriated for all kinds of activities by the staff.

In close consultation with the Heritage Agency, we designed the layout of the outside area as a palimpsest. This former marshalling yard next to the coal washing plant became a natural playground. The demarcation of the playground is determined by the route of a new cycling path. This path, starting at the center of the mining site, is slightly curved to connect with the historical organization of the area surrounding the vast coal washing plant. Tracks and other historical fixtures indicate the former functionality and are preserved. Between the tracks, children can learn from nature; vegetation is integrated, making the playground a meaningful and adventurous place.