

We are growing



We started to build Duhovka Elementary in 2010. In 2015 we took up the long-lasting requests of many parents to go beyond the 5th grade and so we started to prepare a concrete solution for the middle school.

The basic question was space – where to locate the new grades? Using a completely different location was an option, but we finally decided to expand in the current one. The middle school became a reality in 2019, when the first 6th-graders could continue their studies in the same school, where they started 1st grade. Since then, a new grade has been added each year and the premises are beginning to get tight.

Our intention is to add a whole floor to the elementary school building in 2022 and 2023. This will allow us to create a strong base for middle school students and teachers in the form of **new homerooms, a large study room with a library** (which will also serve children from the elementary school level) **and modern computer classrooms**.



All of the past 12 years I've been in awe of how surprisingly and dramatically Duhovka's organism is growing and evolving. And how enriching the process is even for me ...

In addition to the accommodation of other grades, we want to fulfill a second important school need - a decent and high-quality facility for sports. Therefore, our project also includes **the construction of a new gym**, directly connected to the current building. This will also **create a multifunctional space** above the gym, where we will place **a new art studio and a laboratory for natural sciences**. The gym, being the largest indoor space of the school, will serve not only as a place for physical education and sports activities, but also as an auditorium and space for various cultural activities and meetings of the school community.

We have already gone quite a long way towards implementing the project. We have a place to build, we have a great architectural project, and we have been able to convince the owner of the building, Prague 6, to support the project. At the same time we will obtain a lease extension until 2054. We have a team that is determined to implement the project and we have the capacity to finance most of the construction from our own resources. We lack 43 million to be able to implement the entire project all at once, which would bring a number of advantages and synergies: organizational, operational, construction, financial; over the possibility of splitting the construction into stages. That is why we have decided to ask donors who would like to help us with part of the plan ... because the alternative would mean at least a ten year delay for the gym.

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