

Character Information for

44 speaking parts in order of appearance

(The cast size can be easily reduced or increased – suggestions as to how are included in the script.)

No characters have singing solos or duets in this production. There are, however, plenty of opportunities for characters to sing solos/duets if you choose.

Speaking character	No. of lines *	In which scenes	Costume suggestions
Mrs Grimm	10	AII	Formal school clothes. Perhaps a trouser suit or skirt & jacket. Smart shoes. Could be based on your head!
Mr Dainty	8	All	Shirt, tie, smart trousers and shoes
Miss Manly	8	All	Smart blouse or top, skirt or trousers, flat shoes
Mum 1	3	1	Summer dress, sandals or flip-flops. 'Mum' make-up
Dad 1	2	1	Shirt and tie or jumper. Smart/work trousers & shoes. Optional facial hair/stubble
Mum 2	3	1	As Mum 1
Dad 2	2	1	As Dad 1
Mum 3	3	1	As Mum 1
Dad 3	3	1	As Dad 1
Mum 4	4	1	As Mum 1
Dad 4	3	1	As Dad 1
Bus Driver 1	4	2	Dark trousers, white shirt, epaulettes, company badge, dark tie, peaked cap
Bus Driver 2	5	2	As Bus Driver 1
Bus Driver 3	2	2	As Bus Driver 1
Bus Driver 4	3	2	As Bus Driver 1
Bus Driver 5	6	2	As Bus Driver 1
Waitress 1	4	2	Paper catering hat & tabard or skirt, blouse & apron
Waitress 2	3	2	As Waitress 1
Manager	12	3, 6	Shabby suit
Instructor 1	5	3, 4, 5	Company fleece or T-shirt, tracksuit bottoms, baseball cap & trainers
Instructor 2	6	3, 4, 5	As Instructor 1
Instructor 3	3	3, 4	As Instructor 1
Instructor 4	2	3, 4	As Instructor 1
Cook 1	1	3	Dirty chef's whites or tabard
Cook 2	1	3	As Cook 1
Cook 3	1	3	As Cook 1
Odd-Job Man	3	3	Overalls plus various slings & bandages
Mr Sharp	5	3, 5, 6	Jeans and cagoule. Dressing gown.
Miss Blunt	7	3, 5, 6	Jeans and cagoule. Dressing gown.
Child 1	8	3, 4, 5, 6	Jeans, trainers & school jumper, sports bib, safety/cycle helmet, life jacket (optional) & dressing gown
Child 2	8	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1
Child 3	9	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1
Child 4	10	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1
Child 5	13	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1
Child 6	10	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1

^{*} A 'line' is defined here as each time a character speaks - usually between one and five actual lines of text each time.

Child 7	10	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1
Child 8	9	3, 4, 5, 6	As Child 1
Toffington Pupil 1	3	4, 5, 6	Army cadet or scout type uniform – knee length socks & garters, grey skirt/shorts, white T shirt, neck scarf & beret
Toffington Pupil 2	2	4, 5, 6	As Toff. Pupil 1
Toffington Pupil 3	2	4, 5, 6	As Toff. Pupil 1
Toffington Pupil 4	1	4, 5, 6	As Toff. Pupil 1
Toffington Pupil 5	1	4, 5, 6	As Toff. Pupil 1
Toffington Pupil 6	1	4, 5, 6	As Toff. Pupil 1
Miss Finster	5	4, 5, 6	Adult version of a Toff. pupil with different coloured tee shirt & hair in a tight severe bun. Hair net & dressing gown for night

Non-speaking characters	In which scenes	Costume suggestions
Parents	1	As Mums and Dads above
Bus Drivers	2	As Bus Drivers above
Waiters & Waitresses	2	As Waiters & Waitresses above
Activity Centre Staff	3	As Instructors, Cooks, Odd-job Man above
More Children	3, 4, 5, 6	As Children above
More Toff. Coll. Pupils & Staff	4, 5, 6	As Toff. Pupils and Miss Finster above