

Goodbye my friend

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **27**

Here is our suggestion to reduce the cast size without compromising the plot.

Firstly, you can, of course, perform all scenes and songs which will give you a production lasting 90 mins +. However, we advise you choose a handful of scenes and songs to perform, to create a bespoke production of a length that suits you. As an example, we have chosen scenes 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8 and have suggested ways you can reduce the cast to the 27 minimum – details below. However, you can choose any scenes to perform and reduce the cast using our example as a guide.

Most of the speaking characters appear in only one scene. This allows for the ‘doubling-up’ of parts played by your cast, thus reducing the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, as below:

| Speaking Part | Also playing part/s |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Teacher (Sc 1) | Teacher (Sc 4) |
| Sarah (Sc 1) | Helper #1 |
| Peter (Sc 1) | Helper #2 (Sc 4) |
| Becky (Sc 1) | Bus Driver (Sc 4) |
| Hannah (Sc 1) | Child #1 (Sc 4) |
| Simon (Sc 1) | Child #2 (Sc 4) |
| Lee (Sc 1) | Child #3 (Sc 4) |
| Oliver (Sc 1) | Child #4 (Sc 4) |
| Lucy (Sc 1) | Child #5 (Sc 4) |
| Laura (Sc 1) | Child #6 (Sc 4) |
| Josephine (Sc 1) | Child #7 (Sc 4) |
| William (Sc 1) | Child #8 (Sc 4) |
| Mum (Sc 1) | Announcer (Sc 4) |
| Teacher (Sc 2) | Child #1 (Sc 8) |
| Teaching Assistant (Sc 2) | Child #2 (Sc 8) |
| Child #1 (Sc 2) | Parent #1 (Sc 8) |
| Child #2 (Sc 2) | Parent #2 (Sc 8) |
| Child #3 (Sc 2) | Child #3 (Sc 8) |
| Child #4 (Sc 2) | Child #4 (Sc 8) |
| Child #5 (Sc 2) | Child #5 (Sc 8) |
| Child #6 (Sc 2) | Child #6 (Sc 8) |
| Infant #1 (Sc 2) | Teacher (Sc 8) |
| Infant #2 (Sc 2) | Teaching Assistant (Sc 8) |

Increasing the cast size

To **100+**

Simply do the whole production!

You could also have a dedicated choir seated to one side of the stage, to sing all songs – number unlimited.

Please get in touch if you have any further questions about staging this musical – we’re always happy to help!