

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: 28

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

Some of the speaking and non-speaking characters appear in only one scene. This allows for the 'doubling-up' or 'tripling-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
Mr Harris (Sc 2)	Sam Handy (Sc 4) and Parent #2 (Sc 8)
Mrs Cooper (Sc 2)	Chippy (Sc 4) and Parent #3 (Sc 8)
Child #1 (Sc 2)	Sparky (Sc 4) and Parent #4 (Sc 8)
Child #2 (Sc 2)	Bricky (Sc 4) and Parent #5 (Sc 8)
Child #3 (Sc 2)	Pipes (Sc 4)
Child #4 (Sc 2)	Mrs Ramsey (Sc 6)
Child #5 (Sc 2)	Child #1 (Sc 6)
Child #6 (Sc 2)	Child #2 (Sc 6)
Infant #1 (Sc 2)	Child #3 (Sc 6)
Infant #2 (Sc 2)	Child #4 (Sc 6)
Miss Archer (Sc 3)	Child #5 (Sc 6)
Mr Chowdhry (Sc 3)	Child #6 (Sc 6)
Mrs Baker (Sc 3)	Headteacher (Sc 7)
Child #1 (Sc 3)	Secretary (Sc 7)
Child #2 (Sc 3)	Child #1 (Sc 7)
Child #3 (Sc 3)	Child #2 (Sc 7)
Child #4 (Sc 3)	Child #3 (Sc 7)
Child #5 (Sc 3)	Child #4 (Sc 7)
Child #6 (Sc3)	PTA chairperson (Sc 8)
Child #7 (Sc 3)	St Johns Rep (Sc 8)
Child #8 (Sc 3)	Parent #1 (Sc 8)
Non-Speaking Parts	Also playing part/s
4 x extras	Scratching children (Sc 5), Fete-goers

Increasing the cast size

To 100+

For this production, you can have **unlimited numbers of non-speaking characters** in the scenes where they appear. They could also feature prominently in the performance of the song associated with their particular scene:

Non-speaking part	Appearing in scene/s
More Classroom Children	2, 3
Scratching Children	5
More PE Children	6
Fete-goers & Morris Dancers	8

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!