

SCHOOL DAZE

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **33**

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

The essential non-speaking Dancing Infant Children and Dancing Junior Children roles in Scene 7 can be performed with a minimum of 4 children each.

The non-speaking roles of More Parents and More Teachers can be removed.

Some of the speaking and non-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
Mr Riley (Sc 2)	Sergeant Major #1 (Sc 4)
Child #1 (Sc 2)	Sergeant Major #2 (Sc 4)
Child #2 (Sc 2)	Sergeant Major #3 (Sc 4)
Child #3 (Sc 2)	Sergeant Major #4 (Sc 4)
Child #4 (Sc 2)	Mrs Versace (Sc 6)
Child #5 (Sc 2)	Boy #1 (Sc 6)
Child #6 (Sc 2)	Boy #2 (Sc 6)
Mother #1 (Sc 3)	Boy #3 (Sc 6)
Mother #2 (Sc 3)	Girl #1 (Sc 6)
Infant #1 (Sc 3)	Girl #2 (Sc 6)
Infant #2 (Sc 3)	Girl #3 (Sc 6)
Infant #3 (Sc 3)	Headteacher (Sc 6)
Junior #1 (Sc 3)	Prospective Father (Sc 6)
Junior #2 (Sc 3)	Prospective Mother (Sc 6)
Junior #3 (Sc 3)	Mr Hetherington-Smyth (Sc 7)
Infant Teacher (Sc 3)	Mrs Hetherington-Smyth (Sc 7)
Junior Teacher (Sc 3)	Geraldine (Sc 7)

Increasing the cast size

To **90+**

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
Dancing Infant Children	3
Dancing Junior Children	3
More Parents	7
More Teachers	7

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!