

# THE NEXT BIG STEP

## Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **23**

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 80 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 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 and have suggested ways you can reduce the cast to the 23 minimum – details below. However, you can choose any scenes to perform and reduce the cast using our example as a guide.

Some of the 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
Terry (Sc 3)	Policeman #1 (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Child #1 (Sc 6)
Trish (Sc 3)	Infant #1 (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Child #2 (Sc 6)
Andy (Sc 3)	Policeman #2 (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Child #3 (Sc 6)
Stacey (Sc 3)	Infant #2 (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Child #4 (Sc 6)
Cassie (Sc 3)	Headteacher (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Child #5 (Sc 6)
Gary (Sc 3)	Fireman #1 (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Child #6 (Sc 6)
Sally (Sc 3)	Infant (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Teacher #1 (Sc 6)
McKenzie Twin #1 (Sc 3)	Fireman #2 (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Teacher #2 (Sc 6)
McKenzie Twin #2 (Sc 3)	Infant (Sc 4) <b>and</b> Headteacher (Sc 6)
Dirty Dan	Infant (Sc 4)
Mum #1 (Sc 5)	Parent #1 (Sc 8)
Mum #2 (Sc 5)	Parent #2 (Sc 8)
Mum #3 (Sc 5)	Parent #3 (Sc 8)
Mum #4 (Sc 5)	Parent #4 (Sc 8)
Dad # 1 (Sc 5)	Child #1 (Sc 8)
Dad # 2 (Sc 5)	Child #2 (Sc 8)
Dad # 3 (Sc 5)	Child #3 (Sc 8)
Dad # 4 (Sc 5)	Child #4 (Sc 8)
Referee (Sc 5)	Headteacher (Sc 8)

## Increasing the cast size

To **80+**

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!