

Do you remember the first time?

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: 17

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

The non-speaking characters can be removed.

Most of the speaking characters appear in only one scene. This allows for the 'doubling-up' and 'tripling-up' of parts played by your cast (although swift costume changes may be necessary) thus reducing the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, see suggestions below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
Dad (Sc 1)	Child #1 (Sc 3), Child #1 (Sc 4) and Child #7 (Sc 5)
Charlie (Sc 1)	Child #2 (Sc 3), Child #2 (Sc 4) and Child #8 (Sc 5)
Milly (Sc 1)	The Head (Sc 3), Child #3 (Sc 4) and Teacher #1 (Sc 5)
Mum (Sc 1)	Secretary (Sc 3), Child #4 (Sc 4) and Teacher #2 (Sc 5)
Teacher (Sc 2)	Child #3 (Sc 3), Child #5 (Sc 4) and Teacher #3 (Sc 5)
Child #1 (Sc 2)	Child #4 (Sc 3) and Child #6 (Sc 4)
Child #2 (Sc 2)	Teacher #1 (Sc 4) and Teacher #2 (Sc 4)
Child #3 (Sc 2)	Parent #1 (Sc 4) and Child #1 (Sc 5)
Child #4 (Sc 2)	Parent #2 (Sc 4) and Child #2 (Sc 5)
Child #5 (Sc 2)	Parent #3 (Sc 4) and Child #3 (Sc 5)
Child #6 (Sc 2)	Child #1 (Sc 4) and Child #4 (Sc 5)
Child #7 (Sc 2)	Child #2 (Sc 4) and Child #5 (Sc 5)
Child #8 (Sc 2)	Child #4 (Sc 4) and Child #6 (Sc 5)

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
Sports Day Spectators	4
More After-School Clubbers	5
More Children	2, 3, 4

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!