



Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **23**

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

The roles of Waitress can be reduced to one who reads all the lines. The roles of Instructors can be reduced to three and the lines redistributed. The roles of Cook can be reduced to two and the lines redistributed. The roles of Children can be reduced to six and the lines redistributed. The roles of Toffington pupils can be reduced to four and the lines redistributed.

The non-speaking characters can be removed.

Some 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
Mum #1 (Sc 1)	Manager (Sc 3,6)
Mum #2 (Sc 1)	Instructor #1 (Sc 3,4,5)
Mum #3 (Sc 1)	Instructor #2 (Sc 3,4,5)
Mum #4 (Sc 1)	Cook #1 (Sc 3)
Dad #1 (Sc 1)	Instructor #3 (Sc 3,4)
Dad #2 (Sc 1)	Odd job Man (Sc 3)
Dad #3 (Sc 1)	Cook #2 (Sc 3)
Dad #4 (Sc 1)	Child #1 (Sc 3,4,5,6)
Bus Driver #1 (Sc	Toffington Pupil #1 (Sc 4,5,6)
Bus Driver #2 (Sc	Toffington Pupil #2 (Sc 4,5,6)
Bus Driver #3 (Sc	Toffington Pupil #3 (Sc 4,5,6)
Bus Driver #4 (Sc	Toffington Pupil #4 (Sc 4,5,6)
Bus Driver #5 (Sc	Child #2 (3,4,5,6)
Waitress #1 (Sc 2)	Miss Finster (Sc 4,5,6)

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
Parents	1
Bus Drivers	2
Waiters & Waitresses	2
Activity Centre Staff	3
More Children	3, 4, 5, 6
More Toff. Coll. Pupils & Staff	4, 5, 6

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!