

SCHOOL DAZE

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **19**

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 3 can be performed with a minimum of 4 children each.

The non-speaking roles of More Parents and More Teachers 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
Mr Riley (Sc 2)	Infant #3 (Sc 3), Boy #1 (Sc 6) and Mr Scrapper (Sc 7)
Child #1 (Sc 2)	Junior #1 (Sc 3), Boy #2 (Sc 6) and Gripper (Sc 7)
Child #2 (Sc 2)	Junior #2 (Sc 3), Boy #3 (Sc 6) and Teacher (Sc 7)
Child #3 (Sc 2)	Junior #3 (Sc 3), Girl #1 (Sc 6) and Mrs Scrapper (Sc 7)
Child #4 (Sc 2)	Infant Teacher (Sc 3) and Girl #2 (Sc 6)
Child #5 (Sc 2)	Junior Teacher (Sc 3) and Girl #3 (Sc 6)
Child #6 (Sc 2)	Sergeant Maj. #1 (Sc 4) and Father (Sc 6)
Mother #1 (Sc 3)	Sergeant Maj. #2 (Sc 4) and Headteacher (Sc 6)
Mother #2 (Sc 3)	Sergeant Maj. #3 (Sc 4) and Mother (Sc 6)
Infant #1 (Sc 3)	Sergeant Maj. #4 (Sc 4) and Mr H-Smyth (Sc 7)
Infant #2 (Sc 3)	Mrs Versace (Sc 6) and Mr H-Smyth (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!