

THE NEXT BIG STEP

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **18**

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 18 minimum – details below. However, you can choose any scenes to perform and reduce the cast using our example as a guide.

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
Terry (Sc 3)	Policeman #1 (Sc 4), Dad # 1 (Sc 5) and Child #1 (Sc 8)
Trish (Sc 3)	Infant #1 (Sc 4), Child #2 (Sc 6) and Child #2 (Sc 8)
Andy (Sc 3)	Policeman #2 (Sc 4), Dad # 2 (Sc 5) Child #3 (Sc 8)
Stacey (Sc 3)	Infant #2 (Sc 4), Child #4 (Sc 6) and Child #4 (Sc 8)
Cassie (Sc 3)	Headteacher (Sc 4), Child #5 (Sc 6) and Headteacher (Sc 8)
Gary (Sc 3)	Fireman #1 (Sc 4) and Dad # 3 (Sc 5)
Sally (Sc 3)	Infant (Sc 4) and Teacher #1 (Sc 6)
McK.Twin #1 (Sc 3)	Fireman #2 (Sc 4) and Dad # 4 (Sc 5)
McK.Twin #2 (Sc 3)	Infant (Sc 4) and Referee (Sc 5)
Dirty Dan (Sc 3)	Infant (Sc 4) and Child #1 (Sc 6)
Mum #1 (Sc 5)	Child #3 (Sc 6) and Parent #1 (Sc 8)
Mum #2 (Sc 5)	Child #6 (Sc 6) and Parent #2 (Sc 8)
Mum #3 (Sc 5)	Teacher #2 (Sc 6) and Parent #3 (Sc 8)
Mum #4 (Sc 5)	Headteacher (Sc 6) and Parent #4 (Sc 8)

Increasing the cast size

To **80+**

Simply do the whole production with a different child playing each speaking part!

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!