

PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MUSICAL

Reducing the cast size

Minimum Cast Number: **28**

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

The non-speaking characters can be removed.

Some of the speaking characters only appear in one or two scenes. This allows for the doubling or tripling-up of parts played by your cast, which will require a quick costume change between scenes, but will reduce the number you need to fulfil all the main roles, as below:

Speaking Part	Also playing part/s
Parent #1 (Sc 3,8)	Cook #1 (Sc 5) and Sue (Sc 4, 6)
Parent #2 (Sc 3,8)	Cook #2 (Sc 5) and Julie (Sc 4, 6)
Parent #3 (Sc 3,8)	Lunchtime Supervisor #1 (Sc 5)
Parent #4 (Sc 3,8)	Lunchtime Supervisor #2 (Sc 5)
Parent #5 (Sc 3,8)	Caroline (Sc 4,6)
Parent #6 (Sc 3,8)	Liz (Sc 4,6)
Parent #7 (Sc 3,8)	Sally (Sc 4,6)
Parent #8 (Sc 3,8)	Leslie (Sc 4,6)

Increasing the cast size

To **80+**

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
More KS2 Teachers	1, 5, 6, 8
More KS1 Teachers	1, 8
Teaching Assistants	4, 8
Children	2, 5, 6, 8
Kitchen Staff	5, 8
Parents	3, 8

You could also have a dedicated choir seated to one side of the stage, to sing all songs – number unlimited.