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■The new lockdown regulations are here: coming into force on Thursday

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No. 4) Regulations 2020

Analysis below as I read them (thread)

https://t.co/adPk9PsE0j

32 pages, 13,891 words...

As expected, "No person may leave or be outside of the place where they are living without reasonable excuse" - back to the language of the Mar 2020 regulations

Again, there is a *non-exhaustive* list (because: "include") of reasonable excuses, now referred to as "exceptions"

What are the exceptions? There are many. There are 13 listed, but a number have sub-categories of exception, particularly Exception 1 (leaving home necessary for certain purposes). Here they are, except I can't fit them into four screen grabs!

Here's number 5

You might notice that these are many more than in the first lockdown [screen shot from first lockdown regs below] - though some have made a reappearance. Basically this is a more detailed and complex set of reasons for people to not stay at home.

In passing, this strikes me as a lockdown without much enthusiasm you must stay at home but here are a hundred reasons you may not have to. I'm not saying this is a bad thing - but I think legislating for this kind of thing is practically impossible. Library of Babel stuff

I won't go into the exceptions in detail as they are just so complicated. Will do a video tomorrow. A few pics:
■Exercise alone or with 1 member of household, linked household, or if for informal childcare with a linked childcare household a child under 13. Or 1 other person

■You can go out for "open air recreation" with the same people, which is different to exercise (this was the sunbathing exception back in the Spring, perhaps now is the snowman building exception?) ■■

■Important exception to the being outside rule - carers of disabled people who need continuous care and child below age of 5 aren't counted - as previewed by the guidance. Sensible exception.