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- Jack Duckett, Sr Consumer Lifestyles Analyst

This report looks at the following areas:

- Inspiring more girls into STEM careers
- Eroding gender stereotyping in boys
- Encouraging children and teens to be more active

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While today's children and teens appear to enjoy taking part in sports, childhood obesity rates remain higher in the UK than in most other European countries. If the UK is to see any reduction in the obesity epidemic, then it is important that companies continue to help both parents and schools to encourage children to improve their diet and activity levels.

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